

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	5 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Beyer, Kruse, Prozanski, Walker, Burdick
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	5/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Allows a public safety officer, at the time he or she is hired or utilized as a volunteer, to designate a beneficiary to receive benefits from the Public Safety Memorial Fund. Allows a person designated as a beneficiary to receive benefits from the Fund. Allows a family member or parent to receive benefits if no beneficiary is designated. Expands the definition of child to include a person 18 to 22 years of age and enrolled as a full-time undergraduate student or 18 years of age or older and incapable of self-support due to physical or mental disability from the current 19 years or older.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Who is eligible to receive benefits now
- Who will be eligible to receive under the bill

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Family members of officers – currently defined as the spouse, child, or dependent of an officer – are eligible to receive benefits from the Fund if the officer suffers a qualifying disability or death. Benefits can include, depending on whether entitlement is based on injury or death, a lump sum award of \$25,000, five years of health and dental insurance, 12 mortgage payments, and graduate scholarships. HB 2833 A would allow domestic partners to receive benefits from the Fund to the same extent as spouses of officers.