

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	6 - 0 - 1
Yeas:	Berger, Buckley, Esquivel, Roblan, Thatcher, Rosenbaum
Nays:	-
Exc.:	Hunt
Prepared By:	Jim Stembridge, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	5/9, 6/22

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Deletes required membership numbers of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, Joint Legislative Committee on Information Management and Technology, Legislative Counsel Committee, and the Legislative Administration Committee. Provides that quorum for transacting business in those committees—plus the committee for issuing the education funding report pursuant to Article VIII Section 8—is a majority of House members and a majority of Senate members. Requires an affirmative vote of a majority of House members and a majority of Senate members for action.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Statutory committees
- Provisions of SB 371 (2007, composition of the Emergency Board)
- Variation in voting procedures among committees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: For the Joint Legislative Audit Committee, deletes required membership numbers; provides that quorum for transacting business is a majority of House members and a majority of Senate members; and requires an affirmative vote of a majority of House members and a majority of Senate members for action.

BACKGROUND: Membership of several joint legislative committees is established in statute, with the President and Speaker appointing legislators from their respective chambers to the committees. Presently, most committee rules define quorum to be a majority of appointed members and also require the affirmative vote of a majority of appointed members for action.

Senate Bill 371, passed by the Senate earlier this session, modified the membership, quorum and voting requirements of the Emergency Board. Senate Bill 5-A modifies the membership of other statutory joint legislative committees to allow for even membership between the House and Senate and to require a majority from each chamber for quorum and committee action.