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Meeting Dates:	2/19, 3/14

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Increases the number of physician assistants on Physician Assistant Committee from two to three. Removes pharmacist from committee. Clarifies authority of the Board of Medical Examiners to license physician assistants.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- No other advisory committee has a minority of members of a profession

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Increases the number of physician assistants on committee without increasing size of committee by removing pharmacist position and allocating it to physician assistant.

BACKGROUND: The Physician Assistant Committee (PAC) is the only medical advisory committee that is constituted of fewer members of the representative profession than other members. Currently, the PAC consists of five members: two physician assistants, one pharmacist and two members of the Board of Medical Examiners, one of whom must supervise a physician assistant.

Currently, the Board of Medical Examiners licenses physician assistants. Current law however, (Chapter 677 sections pertaining to physician assistants) does not expressly authorize the board to license them.