

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Nathanson
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Schrader

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure as Amended and Be Printed B-Engrossed

Vote: 20 – 1 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Shields, G. Smith

Nays: Gilman

Exc: Richardson

Senate

Yeas: Bates, Carter, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Nelson, Verger, Walker, Whitsett, Winters

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 16, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: House Bill 2920 establishes a twenty-one member Task Force on Effective and Cost-Efficient Service Provision charged with reviewing the opportunities to provide services in the most effective and cost-efficient manner; considering the ability of intergovernmental agreements, existing or new service districts and technology to achieve cost savings; and analyzing categories of services under the categories of assessment and taxation, elections, human services, and criminal justice. An interim report from the task force is due to the Legislative Assembly no later than November 30, 2009. The task force shall submit its final report to the Legislative Assembly no later than October 1, 2010. The task force is repealed on the convening of the next regular biennial legislative session. The task force is directed to establish a technical committee charged with aiding and advising the task force and to establish subcommittees to work on priority subject areas identified by the task force. The task force is to be staffed by the permanent staff of the offices of the Governor, Secretary of State, State Treasurer, Judicial Department and Legislative Fiscal Officer.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact of the measure
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Changes membership of the task force; directs task force to establish subcommittees to work on priority subject areas identified by the task force; removes public health, transportation, and public works from the categories of service for the task force to analyze; removes language regarding reimbursement of task force members from funds appropriated to the Governor's office.

BACKGROUND: Proponents assert that it is particularly appropriate to examine how state and local government can operate more efficiently and effectively during a period of economic downturn, limited revenues and high demand for government services.