

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass
Vote:	8 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Berger, Edwards C., Garrard, Gelser, Jenson, Nolan, Read, Roblan
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	3/20, 4/3

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes procedure for disability evaluation panel to find that the Governor is unable to discharge the duties of the office or is able to resume duties of the office. Establishes a five-member disability evaluation panel. Establishes qualifications of and procedures for designating panel members. Requires disability evaluation panel to be convoked upon written request of at least two specified state officials. Establishes procedure for the Governor to voluntarily transfer duties of office to Acting Governor when the Governor expects to be temporarily unable to discharge duties of the office. Repeals current statutes on disabilities of the Governor.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Results of statewide national security simulation
- Similarity to process used in other states

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: During a recent emergency preparedness exercise, the Governor reported a contrived disability that caused officials to examine current gubernatorial succession and disability statutes. It was determined that, under current statute, significant difficulties and logistical problems could arise and prevent a gubernatorial vacancy from being filled. Senate Bill 75-A is a proposal to remedy the problems that were identified.