

Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Carrier – House: Rep. Freeman
Carrier – Senate: Sen. Whitsett

Revenue: No revenue impact

Fiscal: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure

Vote: 21 – 0 – 1

House

Yeas: Buckley, C. Edwards, D. Edwards, Galizio, Garrard, Gilman, Jenson, Kotek, Nathanson, Richardson, Shields

Nays:

Exc: G. Smith

Senate

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

Nays:

Exc:

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Meeting Date: June 18, 2009

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes a process whereby a county government or the Governor can declare a state of fiscal distress that compromises the ability of the county government to provide a minimally adequate level of public safety services.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Whether or not the State could assume the responsibilities of the county
- If the measure applies to natural disasters
- Need to provide minimally adequate level of public safety services
- Narrow application of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: The concept behind SB 77 was developed by the Governor's Interim Task Force on Federal Forest Payments and County Services.