

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Without Recommendation as to Passage and Be Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, and then to Revenue by Prior Reference.
Vote: 6 - 0 - 2
Yeas: Beyer, Nathanson, Sheehan, Smith J., Bentz, Read
Nays: 0
Exc.: Lindsay, Weidner
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Meeting Dates: 3/4

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates a task force to study the feasibility of coordinating law enforcement testimony and correctional officers who are waiting to testify.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Referral to the House Judiciary Committee

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2501 creates the Task Force on Law Enforcement and Correctional Testimony, consisting of at least 11 members appointed by the Governor. The task force is charged with finding feasibility of Internet testimony and best practices for coordinating court schedules with public safety officers. The Department of Corrections is charged with providing staff support for the Task Force. Members are not compensated for their service, but will be covered of expenses. The measure sunsets on February 4, 2013.