

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Rules

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Provides that person holding appointive office in state government serves at pleasure of appointive power that made appointment.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: Most major state agencies and departments are headed by policy-making boards and commissions. The Governor is responsible for recommending the appointment of public members to the approximately 220 boards and commissions established in statute. In addition, many of these public bodies require the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives to appoint members of their respective legislative bodies.

However, there is lack of statutory clarity regarding whether the appointing authority has the power to remove an individual whom they appointed. House Bill 2215 clarifies that a person holding appointee office serves as the pleasure of the appointing authority and can be removed from the position by the appointing authority for cause.