

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**CARRIER:**

House Committee on Consumer Protection and Government Effectiveness

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means**

Action:**Vote:****Yeas:****Nays:****Exc.:****Prepared By:** Wendy Simons, Administrator**Meeting Dates:**

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Task Force on Citizen Review of Public Works Projects. Specifies membership of Task Force. Directs Task Force to study need for and feasibility of establishing review board to review, approve and oversee public works project. Directs Task Force to submit report to interim committee of Legislative Assembly relating to public contracting no later than September 15, 2016. Declares emergency, effective upon passage. Sunsets December 31, 2016.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Proposed -2 amendment: Limits scope of review board to public works projects undertaken by a state agency with contract price of \$30 million or more and involving geologically sensitive conditions. Clarifies reference to public works procurement procedures used by state.

BACKGROUND: House Bill 2528 creates an eleven-member Task Force on Citizen Review of Public Works Projects, with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House each appointing two members, including a co-chair, and the Governor appointing seven members with various types of expertise relating to public works and public contracting. The Task Force is directed to consider the expertise needed for a review board on public works, the scope and extent of the board's responsibilities, the need for expert staff, the criteria the board should use for reviewing and approving projects, and the potential effect of the board's review and approval.