

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

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Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Creates Task Force on Clinical Research of Cannabis (Task Force). Requires Task Force to study and provide report on development of medical cannabis industry. Specifies topics to be addressed in report. Requires report be submitted to interim committee of Legislative Assembly relating to health care no later than September 15, 2016. Sunsets December 31, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

**BACKGROUND:** Under current federal law, it is difficult to conduct clinical research of potential medicinal uses for marijuana. Senate Bill 479 would create the Task Force on Clinical Research of Cannabis to study a series of topics to determine the barriers related to clinical medical cannabis research and ways to incentivize that research. That report is due to the Legislative Assembly no later than September 15, 2016.