

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: Joint Committee on Ways and Means

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 4/8

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes Clinical Research of Cannabis Board (Board) as semi-independent state agency. Specifies Board roster, rules, duties and powers. Requires Board to submit report to Governor, Senate President, Speaker of the House and Legislative Fiscal Officer not later than April 1 of each even-numbered year. Specifies report must include long-term strategic plan and progress towards completion of Board's duties.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: (-1 amendment) Replaces measure. 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 and recommendations for legislation be submitted to interim committees of Legislative Assembly relating to health and marijuana no later than December 15, 2015 and again no later than September 15, 2016. Sunsets December 31, 2017. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND: Under current federal law, it is difficult to conduct clinical research of potential medicinal uses for marijuana. Senate Bill 480 would create a semi-independent state agency to promote the clinical research of cannabis as a medicine and the development of a medical cannabis industry.