

FULL COMMITTEE PONY

SB 5530

Board of Pharmacy

SB 5033 is the budget bill for the Board Pharmacy. The Board protects the public by ensuring high standards in the practice of pharmacy and by regulating the quality, manufacture, sale and distribution of drugs. The agency licenses pharmacists by examination or through reciprocity with other states; registers and inspects hospital and retail pharmacies, drug wholesalers and manufacturers, and over-the-counter drug outlets. The Board is financed entirely from Other Fund revenues.

The budget recommended by the Subcommittee on Education totals \$6,892,573 Other Funds and 20.00 FTE. The budget includes a reduction of revenues by \$806,548 reflecting the Board's transition to biennial licensure at a reduced rate to reduce the Board's large ending balance. The budget also includes \$391,602 to fund pay differential recommended by Enterprise Human Resources, and the establishment of a lead worker in the licensing unit to provide increased oversight and training to the licensing team.

The Subcommittee recommends SB 5530 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass as amended.