

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

House Committee on Human Services and Housing

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 5/13

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Modifies charge, size, composition, and duties of Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (Commission). Makes composition discretionary. Removes *ex officio* members. Permits Commission to appoint nonmembers to subcommittees. Removes requirement and functions of budget advisory committee. Requires Commission make specific recommendations as part of its long-term strategic plan.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Alcohol and Drug Policy Commission (Commission) was created by the Legislature in 2009, via passage of House Bill 3353. It was charged with “producing a plan for the funding and effective delivery of alcohol and drug treatment and prevention services.” Its 28-member composition and specific duties are strictly dictated by statute, which ensures a certain cross-section of representation, and may impair the flexibility it needs to be effective.

Senate Bill 951 alters the Commission to simplify its objectives and resolve longstanding quorum issues, in order to improve its effectiveness and ability to function.