

REVENUE: No revenue impact
FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued
SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:

Action:

Vote:

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Meeting Dates: 6/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires cochairs of Joint Committee on Ways and Means to serve as co-chairs of Joint Legislative Audit Committee

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

-1 amendment: Restructures Joint Legislative Audit Committee. Creates 10-member Joint Legislative Audit Committee to consist of co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means (Ways & Means), four members of the House of Representatives, two of whom must serve on Ways & Means and four members of the Senate, two of whom must serve on Ways & Means. Designates co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means as co-chairs.

BACKGROUND: The Joint Legislative Audit Committee (Committee) is a statutory committee that, if appointed, may meet, act and conduct its business during sessions of the Legislative Assembly, during any recess and in the interim between sessions. The Committee consists of the co-chairs of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means, members of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker and members of the Senate appointed by the President.

The duties of the Committee are: to review all audits and make recommendations for change or remediation by the agency or other organization under review to the Emergency Board or to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means; accept requests for performance and program audits from individual legislators, legislative committees, the Division of Audits, the Budget and Management Division and the Legislative Fiscal Office (LFO); set priorities on the basis of risk assessment for performance and program audits and program evaluations; with assistance, determine the type of audit, evaluation or review criteria and review state agency performance measures and make recommendations for change.

The Joint Legislative Audits Committee, as designated in statute, is not currently active. Since 2011, the legislative audit functions and oversight have been combined with oversight of statewide information management and technology projects in the Joint Interim Committee on Legislative Audits and Information Management and Technology.