

**SB 1569**

**Relating to joint committees of the Legislative Assembly**

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On February 24<sup>th</sup>, the General Government Subcommittee voted to recommend passage of SB 1569.

SB 1569 establishes the Joint Legislative Policy and Research Committee, which will be composed of an equal number of majority and minority party members of each Chamber. Duties of the staff of the Committee will include conducting research, facilitating policy development, and providing assistance and advice. Some current duties of the Legislative Administration Committee will be transferred to the new Committee, along with the associated staffing and funds. Additional funds needed for the new Committee will be included in the 2017-19 budget as the measure becomes effective July 1, 2017.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 1569 be reported out do pass.