

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

**Fiscal:** No fiscal impact  
**Revenue:** May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued

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**Action Date:**

**Action:**

**Meeting Dates:**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

The measure revises procedures for the preparation of the Governor's and the Legislatively Adopted budgets. The measure further clarifies and updates language regarding state budget processes.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Codifies the process for reporting of state agency substantive program changes to the Legislature.

**BACKGROUND:**

Legislation adopted in 2013 created the Task Force on State Budget Process, which was charged with reviewing the statutes governing the development of the state budget. The Task Force met several times and recommended changes to remove outdated and unnecessary provisions, align state budget processes with desired outcomes, and clarify statutory language. These recommendations were included in SB 159, which was considered during the 2015 Session; however, passage of the measure was not completed prior to sine die of that Session. It should be noted that there was no opposition to the measure in any votes that were completed in 2015. Except for the amendment and minor modifications to further update the statutes with current language, as well as practices regarding performance measures, SB 1596 is identical to SB 159 from 2015.