

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****House Committee On Rules****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 02/16/16**Action:** Do Pass. Refer To Ways And Means.**Meeting Dates:** 02/08, 02/16**Vote:**

Yeas: 8 - Barnhart, Hoyle, Huffman, Kennemer, Rayfield, Smith Warner, Williamson, Wilson

Exc: 1 - Gilliam

**Prepared By:** Erin Seiler, Committee Administrator**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Establishes Joint Committee on Strategic Public Policy Review (JCSPPR) composed of Senate President, Speaker of the House and members appointed by President and Speaker including chair of an interim policy committee, when JCSPPR is holding meetings or deliberating on eligible policy within jurisdiction of chairs' committee. Specifies members' term of service and compensation. Directs Legislative Administrator to provide support to JCSPPR. Specifies JCSPPR public policy review process. Directs JCSPPR to select between two and four eligible policies for review. JCSPPR shall prepare written recommendations that call for combination of following types of methods of review: establishment of task force; request policy audit by Legislative Fiscal Office, Division of Audits or other state agencies; state agency study; Legislative Counsel to review all administrative rules related to policy administrative rules related to the policy under review and report back to the joint committee on the degree to which the rules reflect legislative objectives, legislative history and legislative intent of policy or direct one or more state agencies to follow through on budget note. Specifies factors to be addressed in review of policy and report to JCSPPR. Authorizes committee to introduce legislation to address findings from review. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Changes in scope and complexity of public policy considered by legislature
- Ability of JCSPPR to focus on specific policy issues and provide strategic solutions
- Balance of power between Executive, Judicial and Legislative Branches of government

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

House Bill 4051 establishes the Joint Committee on Strategic Public Policy Review (JCSPPR) for the purpose of reviewing public policy initiatives over a long-term period in order to facilitate legislatively driven policy development and outcome accountability in major public policy areas.

The JCSPPR will select between two and four eligible policies for review. A policy eligible for review is one that has been in effect and operable for at least two years prior to being identified for review by the JCSPPR, but does not include a review of any budget bill or bill authorizing the issuance of bonded indebtedness. During the review process, the following issues are to be considered: the degree to which the implementation of the policy is achieving the intent and objectives of the Legislative Assembly; the degree to which the implementation of the policy is achieving improvement in the provision of services to the public; the degree to which the implementation of the policy improves efficiencies in the provision of services to the public and the degree to which there is an effective and appropriate use of those public funds that are being expended as a result of the policy. Upon completion of review, the JCSPPR may recommend legislative changes through the introduction of

legislative measure(s) in compliance with deadlines established by the Legislative Assembly for making non-priority legislative concept requests for legislation.