

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: No fiscal impact

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 02/25/16

Action: Do Pass The A-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 02/25

Vote:

House

Yeas: 12 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, McLane, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Smith, Whisnant, Whitsett, Williamson

Senate

Yeas: 11 - Bates, Devlin, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett

Exc: 1 - Winters

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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:

The Committee discussed the task force process and work that resulted in the measure. The Committee also discussed Senate Bill 159 (2015), which was not completed prior to sine die of the 2015 Session, and that this bill is almost identical, except for minor modifications and additional clarification.

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

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 The Task Force met several times and recommended changes to remove outdated and unnecessary provisions, align state budget processes with desired outcomes, and clarify statutory language.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.