

HB 3144 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Economic Development and Trade

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Establishes the Task Force on Trade Practices (Task Force). Specifies Task Force Membership and rules. Directs Task Force to study methods for educating businesses and consumers in best practices in complying with Unlawful Trade Practices Act. Sunsets Task Force on December 31, 2018. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND:

The Unlawful Trade Practices Act (UTPA) is one tool consumers can use to recover damages that occur as a result of deceptive sales or business practices. The UTPA was enacted in 1971 and is largely based on the Uniform Deceptive Trade Practices Act.

House Bill 3144 would establish the Task Force on Trade Practices and require it to study methods for educating businesses and consumers in best practices in complying with Unlawful Trade Practices Act.