

HB 2105 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Judiciary

Action Date: 04/14/17
Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)
Vote: 6-4-1-0
Yeas: 6 - Barker, Gorsek, Greenlick, Lininger, Sanchez, Williamson
Nays: 4 - Olson, Post, Stark, Vial
Exc: 1 - Sprenger
Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Creates 13-member Department of Corrections (DOC) Budget Oversight Commission to advise Governor and Director of DOC, and make recommendations for legislation, regarding management and implementation of biennial budget of DOC, including employee overtime and healthcare expenses. Requires commission to annually report to Governor and Legislative Assembly. Declares emergency, effective on July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Total number of overtime hours and cost
- Purpose of a Budget Oversight Commission
- Difficulty with recruitment
- Effect on employees and communities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Increases membership to 13 and specifies eligibility for membership. Changes effective date to July 1, 2017. Increases term length for certain first appointed members.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2105-A creates the Department of Corrections (DOC) Budget Oversight Commission (commission). It specifies who is eligible to serve on the commission and terms of office for members. The purpose of the commission is to advise the Governor and the Director of DOC, and make recommendations for legislation, regarding management and implementation of the biennial budget for DOC, including employee overtime and healthcare expenses. It also allows the commission to create advisory and technical committees. Finally, HB 2105-A requires the commission to submit a report each year describing the findings and recommendations of the commission to the Governor and Legislative Assembly.