

**HB 2977 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Agriculture and Land Use**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/12

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Expands the definition of "outdoor mass gathering" to allow gatherings to continue beyond 120 hours for the purpose of providing adequate time for ingress and egress, provided that the gathering is located at least 60 miles away from an interstate highway. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

*REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued*

*FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued*

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

An "outdoor mass gathering" is currently defined as an assembly of more than 3,000 persons which continues for more than one day (24 hours) but less than 5 days (120 hours) within any three-month period, and which is held primarily in open spaces and not in a permanent structure.

House Bill 2977 would expand the definition of "outdoor mass gathering" to allow gatherings to continue beyond 120 hours for the purpose of providing adequate time for ingress and egress, provided that the gathering is located at least 60 miles away from an interstate highway.