

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5036

Board of Tax Practitioners

HB 5036 is the budget bill for the Board of Tax Practitioners. The seven-member consumer protection licensing board oversees tax preparers, tax consultants, and tax businesses.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$1,104,037 Other Funds which includes three positions comprising 2.50 FTE. This budget represents a 6% reduction from the 2017-19 legislatively approved budget and a 0% change from the 2019-21 adjusted current service level. The projected ending fund balance is equivalent to five months of operating expenses.

This budget retains expenditure limitation for a third-party vendor called PSI Services to provide testing services to licensees. The fee revenue collected from licensees, as well as the contracted vendor expense, will remain in the state's accounting system.

The Subcommittee also recommends approval of the Key Performance Measures with an adjustment to KPM #3 Continuing Education Compliance, by increasing the target from 85% to 95%.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 5036 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.