

HB 2585 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Requires Chief Medical Examiner to complete and file a report of death for a person presumed dead and missing in the wilderness. Requires report within 45 days of receiving report from Search and Rescue Coordinator, in conjunction with a county sheriff.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Chief Medical Examiner may complete and file a report of death for a person whose body is not found after a reasonable and thorough investigation. Additionally, within 45 days of receiving information of a person lost at sea and presumed dead, the Chief Medical Examiner is required to determine if the information is credible, and if it is, to complete and file a report of death. If it is not credible, the Chief Medical Examiner may continue with the death investigation.

House Bill 2585 A provides a process for the Chief Medical Examiner to complete and file a report of death for a person presumed dead in the wilderness. The measure requires the Chief Medical Examiner to issue the report within 45 days of receiving a report from the Search and Rescue Coordinator, in conjunction with a county sheriff, that the person is missing in the wilderness and presumed dead.