

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5517
Legislative Branch

SB 5517 is the budget bill for Legislative Branch agencies. These agencies are Legislative Assembly, Legislative Administration, Legislative Counsel, Legislative Fiscal, Legislative Revenue, Legislative Research and Policy, and the Commission on Indian Services.

The budget includes branch-wide adjustments for pay equity costs and to account for centralized phone system costs. It establishes ongoing funds for media equipment replacement and Capitol building facility needs, as well as covers costs related to security projects initially funded in the 2017 biennium that are ongoing in nature. The budget also includes \$250,000 for the Document Publishing and Management System project for costs that cannot be covered by bond proceeds which are being proposed to be used to fund the rest of the costs of the project.

New positions are added to Legislative Administration for information technology, facilities, and employee services needs, as well as to Legislative Counsel and Legislative Fiscal to address workload and to better support the Joint Legislative Audit and Information Management and Technology Committees. Funding is included for realignment and reclassification of positions, and authorization is granted to reclassify additional positions as appropriate across the legislative branch. Any further costs incurred to reclassify positions is to be paid for within agency budget resources. In addition, a budget note directs the Legislative Policy and Research Office to prepare a plan by December 1, 2019 for upcoming redistricting work.

Finally, the bill adjusts the 2017-19 budget to accurately reflect and account for

expenditures made in this biennium. These adjustments are an increase of \$380,000 in Other Funds expenditure limitation for the Legislative Fiscal Office and the transfer of \$1 million General Fund from the Session appropriation to the Biennial appropriation for the Legislative Assembly.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 5517 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.