SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5512 District Attorneys and Their Deputies

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Public Safety Subcommittee

Carrier: Representative Leif

SB 5512 is the budget bill for District Attorneys and Their Deputies. District Attorneys are separately elected constitutional officers who serve as the chief law enforcement officer in each county.

District Attorneys are state employees. The state funds their compensation and tort liability insurance; however, some 26 counties have elected to provide supplemental compensation. The funding of Deputy District Attorneys is a county government responsibility.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$15 million General Fund and 36 positions and 36.00 FTE for the 2021-23 biennium. This is a 9.1% increase over the 2019-21 legislatively approved budget. The budget includes \$546,000 General Fund for the recording of grand jury proceedings.

The budget includes two budget notes: One directing the updating of Key Performance Measures and the other related to the Legislature receiving information on the funding of District Attorney offices.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends SB 5512 be amended by the −1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.