

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 500

Relating to the Public Records Advisory Council

To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: General Government Subcommittee
Carrier: Representative Gomberg

SB 500 creates the office of the Public Records Advocate as an independent office within the executive branch. The measure changes the appointing authority for the PRA from the Governor to the Public Records Advisory Council.

The fiscal impact assumes that upon passage of the bill the Public Records Advocate will be an independent agency housed within DAS. DAS will continue to provide the PRA administrative support services. As part of the 2023-25 budget development cycle, a budget for the PRA will be created that will include a proposal to fund the work of the PRA, which could include General Fund support.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 500 be reported out do pass.