SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 1518 A Relating to building codes

To: Ways and Means Full Committee From: General Government Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Golden

SB 1518 establishes the Task Force on Resilient Efficient Buildings for the purpose of identifying and evaluating policies related to building codes and building decarbonization for new and existing buildings to enable the state to meet its greenhouse gas emission reduction goals. The Task Force shall make policy recommendations to interim committees of the Legislative Assembly related to the environment prior to the 2023 regular session. The Legislative Policy and Research Office (LPRO) will support the Task Force and may hire additional staff if needed, though the services of continuing legislative staff are to be utilized when possible. All agencies of state government are directed to assist the Task Force. The measure takes effect on passage, and the Task Force sunsets on December 31, 2023.

The Subcommittee adopted the -A5 and -A6 amendments, which have been combined into the -A7 amendment. The -A7 amendment expands the scope of the Task Force's duties by directing the Task Force, in developing its recommendations, to consider the costs, savings, and benefits of policies that relate to residential, commercial, and industrial buildings, and appropriates \$279,359 General Fund to LPRO in the 2021-23 biennium, which includes \$179,359 for personal services (1 position, 0.67 FTE) and \$100,000 for services and supplies to contract with a third-party contractor.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends SB 1518 be amended by the –A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.