

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 7: Public Defense Commission Quality Management Plan

To: Emergency Board
From: Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier: Senator Sollman

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board acknowledge receipt of a report on a quality management plan.

Budget notes approved in the 2021 and 2023 sessions directed the Public Defense Commission to develop a quality management plan and associated internal and external performance measures to improve public defense outcomes. According to the agency, the development of performance measures and indicators has been hindered by agency leadership transitions, a misalignment of staffing resources, vacancies, delay in standing up the Compliance, Audit and Performance Division, and the unrepresented persons crisis.

Over the next year, the Commission's plan is to define performance objectives, develop measures for qualifications and performance, identify metrics for evaluating performance measures, and then develop training standards. Based on this timeline, it is unclear whether the agency will propose updated Key Performance Measures and targets for consideration by the Legislature during the 2025 session.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.