

**HB 2306 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Judiciary**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates an indeterminate amount of moneys from the General Fund for the biennium beginning July, 2023, to the Department of State Police to increase the capability of the department's forensic laboratories to conduct analyses of blood for controlled substances, in addition to alcohol content.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Department of State Police (OSP) has the capability to test for controlled substances in a person's urine and alcohol in a person's blood. A few years ago, OSP began the process of becoming certified to test for controlled substances in blood. When a person's blood needs to be tested for controlled substances, law enforcement agencies often send the blood to an out-of-state lab to conduct the analysis.

Senate Bill 2306 would appropriate moneys from the General Fund to OSP so that OSP can increase its capability to conduct analyses of blood for controlled substances.