

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes procedure for the Governor to voluntarily transfer duties of office to Acting Governor when the Governor expects to be temporarily unable to discharge duties of the office. Establishes a disability evaluation panel. Authorizes certain state officials to convoke the disability evaluation panel. Requires request of at least two specified state officials to convoke disability evaluation panel. Establishes procedure for disability evaluation panel to find that the Governor is unable to discharge the duties of the office or is able to resume duties of the office. Repeals current statutes on disabilities of the Governor.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Number of members needed to convoke disability evaluation panel
- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Requires request of at least two specified state officials to convoke disability evaluation panel.

BACKGROUND: During a recent emergency preparedness exercise, the Governor reported a contrived disability that caused officials to examine current gubernatorial succession and disability statutes. It was determined that, under current statute, significant difficulties and logistical problems could arise and prevent a gubernatorial vacancy from being filled. Senate Bill 75 is a proposal to remedy the problems that were identified.