

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5014

District Attorneys and Their Deputies

HB 5014 is the budget bill for District Attorneys and Their Deputies. District Attorneys are separately elected constitutional officers who serve as the chief law enforcement officer in each county.

District Attorneys are state employees. The state funds their compensation and tort liability insurance; however, some 26 counties have elected to provide supplemental compensation for their local District Attorney. The funding of Deputy District Attorneys is a county government responsibility.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends a budget of \$12.95 million General Fund and 36 positions (36.00 FTE) for the 2019-21 biennium. This is a 0.3% decrease over the 2017-19 legislatively approved budget due to the phase-out of one-time dollars associated with grand jury recordation. The budget is funded at the current service level.

The budget includes a budget note related to the Legislature receiving updated information on the funding of each local District Attorney office.

The Subcommittee approved the agency's key performance measures and targets.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends HB 5014 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.