

SB 555 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Rules

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Meeting Dates: 3/12

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

The measure requires that the contents or nature of any research requested, collected, maintained, or used by the Legislative Policy and Research Office be kept confidential, unless written consent is given to disclose that information.

Fiscal impact: The measure may have a fiscal impact but a statement has not yet been released

Revenue impact: The measure may have a revenue impact but a statement has not yet been released

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Legislative Policy and Research (LPRO) is a non-partisan office of the Legislative Assembly. It provides three primary services: committee, language access, and research.

LPRO's research services provide independent, nonpartisan, and objective policy research, analysis, and development. LPRO responds to various legislators' requests, including for: information gathering; literature reviews; comparative analyses of state and federal policies, programs, and legislation; surveys and interviews; and, consultations on research proposals and legislative task forces.

In response to these various requests, LPRO provides several research products, including presentations, memoranda, legislatively directed reports, dashboards, and both interactive and static maps.

The LPRO director is appointed by the Legislative Policy and Research Committee, which is a joint committee of the Legislative Assembly comprised of the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the President of the Senate, and an equal number of members of each party from each chamber, including the presiding officers, who are appointed by their respective presiding officer.

The director is charged with several tasks, including: preparing legislative research and facilitating the development of legislative policy, upon request from members of the legislative assembly; and providing advice, assistance, and clerical and administrative services to legislative committees.