SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 5507

Board of Chiropractic Examiners

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: Education Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Sollman

SB 5507 is the budget bill for the Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

The Board licenses and regulates chiropractic doctors and certified chiropractic assistants. The Board is mostly supported by annual licensing and renewal fees, application fees, as well as civil penalties and other administrative charges.

The Education Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$2,475,586 Other Funds and five positions (4.75 FTE), which is a 15.4% decrease from the current service level. Due to a revenue shortfall, the budget eliminates an Investigator 2 position and information technology services; eliminates rental facility costs due to the Board becoming a fully remote state agency; and increases the Board's professional services line item, on a one-time basis, to hire an independent contractor investigator. The budget also assumes a 30% fee increase to most licensing and renewal fees, leaving the Board with an ending fund balance of approximately five months of operating reserves. However, without an overall increase in licensees, the Board will likely need another fee increase in the 2027-29 biennium.

The Education Subcommittee recommends that SB 5507 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.