SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

HB 5008

Employment Relations Board

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	General Government Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Anderson

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HB 5008 is the budget bill for the Employment Relations Board.

The Board's mission is to promote workplace stability and reduce labormanagement disputes that may disrupt public services by providing labor mediation, bargaining training, and facilitation services. The Board also conducts contested case hearings, union representation elections, and labor appeal cases.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends a total funds budget of \$7.4 million and 14 positions (14.00 FTE), with \$4.1 million of General Fund and \$3.3 million Other Funds. The recommended budget includes the addition of a full-time mediator position to enable the Board to keep up with the increased demand for bargaining training and mediation services to reduce the number of unfair labor practice filings and strike notices.

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

The General Government Subcommittee recommends HB 5008 be amended by the –1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.