

SB 1550 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
Senate Committee on Judiciary

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs law enforcement, before making a finding as to the cause or manner of a death, to interview family members of the decedent regarding domestic violence or child abuse when certain conditions are present.

Detailed Summary:

The measure requires that if a decedent who is suspected to have died from suicide, overdose or accident has previously been identified as a victim of domestic violence or actual or suspected child abuse, and at least three of 11 listed conditions are met, law enforcement must interview family members of the decedent. If law enforcement determines it is reasonable to suspect the death of the decedent may be the result of domestic violence or child abuse, the measure requires law enforcement to request an autopsy from the district medical examiner. The measure directs the medical examiner to conduct an autopsy on the decedent when certain conditions are met.