

SENATE BILL REPORT

SB 5180

As Reported by Senate Committee On:
Health Care, February 7, 2017

Title: An act relating to the legislative advisory committee on aging.

Brief Description: Establishing the legislative advisory committee on aging.

Sponsors: Senators Bailey, Walsh, Darneille, Keiser, Palumbo and Conway.

Brief History:

Committee Activity: Health Care: 1/26/17, 2/07/17 [DPS, w/oRec].

Brief Summary of Substitute Bill

- Establishes the Legislative Advisory Committee on Aging.
- Requires the Aging Committee to study issues of importance to the state's aging environment, including housing and long-term care issues.

SENATE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH CARE

Majority Report: That Substitute Senate Bill No. 5180 be substituted therefor, and the substitute bill do pass.

Signed by Senators Rivers, Chair; Becker, Vice Chair; Kuderer, Assistant Ranking Minority Member; Bailey, Conway, Fain, Keiser, Miloscia, Mullet, O'Ban and Walsh.

Minority Report: That it be referred without recommendation.

Signed by Senator Cleveland, Ranking Minority Member.

Staff: Kathleen Buchli (786-7488)

Background: The Joint Legislative Executive Committee on Aging and Disability Issues (Committee) was originally established in the 2013-15 operating budget and was reestablished in the 2015-17 operating budget. The Committee was tasked with various duties relating to the aging and disabled population in the state. These duties included:

- identifying strategies to better serve the health care needs of an aging population and people with disabilities to promote healthy living and palliative care planning;
- identify ways to fund long-term services and supports;

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- promote financial security in retirement; and
- identify other policy options to help communities adapt to the aging demographic in planning for housing, land use, and transportation.

During the four years of its existence, the Committee issued four reports, including its final report that was issued in December 2016. The Committee is set to expire at the end of the 2015-17 operating budget.

Summary of Bill (First Substitute): The Legislative Advisory Committee on Aging (Aging Committee) is established. Membership of the Aging Committee will be: four members from the Senate; four members from the House of Representatives; and representatives from the Department of Social and Health Services and the Health Care Authority, who are nonvoting members.

The Aging Committee may review issues of importance to the state's aging community. These may include housing issues, long-term care issues, health and wellness issues, transportation issues, and financial issues.

The Aging Committee expires July 1, 2019.

EFFECT OF CHANGES MADE BY HEALTH CARE COMMITTEE (First Substitute):

- Requires the Majority and Minority leaders of the Senate to select the Senate membership, rather than have the Senate membership be selected by the President of the Senate.

Appropriation: None.

Fiscal Note: Not requested.

Creates Committee/Commission/Task Force that includes Legislative members: Yes.

Effective Date: Ninety days after adjournment of session in which bill is passed.

Staff Summary of Public Testimony on Original Bill: *The committee recommended a different version of the bill than what was heard.* PRO: We continue to support the work of the Committee which does a profound amount of work. The Aging Committee will be different than the Committee and we are confident that the Legislature will figure out the formulation of the Committee and keep focusing on aging matters by choosing topics as needed.

Persons Testifying: PRO: Senator Barbara Bailey, Prime Sponsor; Liz Tidyman, citizen; Cathy Maccaul, AARP.

Persons Signed In To Testify But Not Testifying: No one.