

SENATE BILL REPORT

ESSB 5180

As Passed Senate, February 28, 2017

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

Brief Description: Establishing the legislative advisory committee on aging.

Sponsors: Senate Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Senators Bailey, Walsh, Darneille, Keiser, Palumbo and Conway).

Brief History:

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

Floor Activity:

Passed Senate: 2/28/17, 49-0.

Brief Summary of Engrossed First Substitute Bill

- Establishes the Legislative Advisory Committee on Aging.
- Requires the Aging Committee to study issues of importance to the state's aging and disabled communities.

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: LeighBeth Merrick (786-7445)

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:

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- 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;
- 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 Engrossed First Substitute Bill: 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 and disabled communities. 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.

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.