



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 1594

PRINTER'S NO: 3883

PRIME SPONSOR: Maher

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2009/10	FY 2010/11
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	\$0	\$0

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 1594 is a freestanding act, to be known as the Governor's Cabinet for People with Disabilities Act. It statutorily establishes the Cabinet for People with Disabilities and the Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities, both of which currently exist under Executive Order 2006-09.

The act shall take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

This bill provides for the continuation of the Cabinet for People with Disabilities and the Advisory Committee for People with Disabilities by providing for these entities in statutory law. The 14-member cabinet is comprised of the Secretaries from state departments and the directors of other governmental councils and agencies that provide services to persons with disabilities. Advisory committee members are appointed by the Governor in such number as the Governor deems appropriate – a minimum of sixty percent of the committee members shall be persons with disabilities or their families. The powers, duties and responsibilities of the cabinet and advisory committee are the same as those provided in Executive Order 2006-09.

Enactment of this bill would have no impact in FY 2010/11 as the proposed budget includes the expenditures associated with Executive Order 2006-09. However, this bill could have fiscal impact in future years because under the status quo, a new administration could decide to rescind Executive Order 2006-09 and thereby discontinue the cabinet and advisory committee. The ongoing state costs associated with HB 1594 primarily would be the reimbursement of meeting expenses incurred by advisory committee members. These costs are estimated to be approximately \$200 per member per meeting for travel, lodging and subsistence.

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