

SUBJECT: Changing frequency of state agency reports submitted to the Legislature

COMMITTEE: State Affairs — committee substitute recommended

VOTE: 13 ayes — Paddie, Hernandez, Deshotel, Harless, Howard, Hunter, P. King, Lucio, Metcalf, Raymond, Shaheen, Slawson, Smithee

0 nays

WITNESSES: For — (*Registered, but did not testify:* Thomas Parkinson)

Against — None

BACKGROUND: Government Code sec. 2052.0021 establishes that state agency reports required by law may be made available to members of the Legislature.

Concerns have been raised that indefinite reporting requirements are unreasonable and impose an administrative burden on state agencies.

DIGEST: CSHB 1488 would exempt a state agency with a requirement to submit a report to the Legislature for an indefinite period from having to submit such a report after the 10th anniversary of the date the agency first submitted the report. The agency would be required to include the last required reporting date for the agency in each report to the Legislature.

The bill would take effect September 1, 2021.