

SB 1344 -- JOINT COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT POLICY AND PLANNING

SPONSOR: Champion (Dempsey)

COMMITTEE ACTION: Voted "do pass" by the Committee on Job Creation and Economic Development by a vote of 16 to 1.

This bill modifies the rotation of the chairman and vice chairman of the Joint Committee on Economic Development Policy and Planning. Currently, the positions are rotated on an annual basis between the House of Representatives and the Senate. The bill requires the positions to rotate biennially and explains that the chairman and vice chairman are appointed by either the President Pro Tem of the Senate or the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

FISCAL NOTE: No impact on state funds in FY 2005, FY 2006, and FY 2007.

PROPOSERS: Supporters say that the bill will give members of the joint committee a longer tenure, allowing them more time to work. The bill also clarifies the manner in which the chair and vice chair are appointed.

Testifying for the bill was Senator Champion.

OPPOSERS: There was no opposition voiced to the committee.

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