

**Government Administration and Elections Committee**  
**JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT**

**Bill No.:** HB-5492

AN ACT CONCERNING THE PROCESS FOR PUBLIC HEALTH AND CIVIL

**Title:** PREPAREDNESS EMERGENCY DECLARATIONS.

**Vote Date:** 3/29/2022

**Vote Action:** Joint Favorable

**PH Date:** 3/25/2022

**File No.:**

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**SPONSORS OF BILL:**

Government Administration and Elections Committee

**REASONS FOR BILL:**

This bill would give the legislative branch more influence over the declaration and continuation of public health and civil preparedness declarations and permit a move of legislative disapproval within certain timeframes.

**RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:**

House Republican Caucus, offered testimony in support of this bill, stating that it gives the legislature input and checkpoints and regular intervals throughout the duration of an emergency. However, they recommended an amendment to the bill, to require public hearings on proposed executive orders at least 72 hours prior to them becoming effective, in order to give both the legislature and the public the information required to make an informed decision.

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:**

None provided

**NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:**

David Godbout, Constituent, opposed all bills put forward by the committee under the theory of nullification.

**Reported by:** Cameron Clarke

**Date:** 3-29-22