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## OLR Bill Analysis

### sHB 5425

#### ***AN ACT CONCERNING MEN'S HEALTH.***

#### **SUMMARY**

This bill requires the public health commissioner to create a public awareness and educational campaign promoting community-based screening and education for common diseases (e.g., colorectal or prostate cancer, hypertension, diabetes, high cholesterol, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, asthma, infectious diseases, depression, and anxiety) affecting high-risk male populations. The commissioner must annually report on the campaign to the Public Health Committee, starting by January 1, 2025.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2024

#### **BACKGROUND**

##### ***Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 457) to the Appropriations Committee, which reported a substitute that removed provisions (1) requiring the commissioner to implement, not just create, this campaign and (2) allowing her to contract with local organizations and community health workers to implement it.

#### **COMMITTEE ACTION**

##### Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 36 Nay 0 (03/22/2024)

##### Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 53 Nay 0 (04/22/2024)