

Government Administration and Elections Committee
JOINT FAVORABLE REPORT

Bill No.: SB-1521

AN ACT CONCERNING PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO STATE OFFICERS'

Title: AGENCIES.

Vote Date: 3/26/2025

Vote Action: Joint Favorable

PH Date: 3/21/2025

File No.:

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SPONSORS OF BILL:

Government Administration and Elections Committee

REASONS FOR BILL:

This bill would remove the ability of the Office of Personnel and Management to interfere with the personnel management of any of the constitutional officers. Currently, the Office of Policy and Management has jurisdiction over the hiring budgetary concerns for state agencies after a budget has been approved and could adjust the funds allocated at the behest of the Governor. There are concerns that in the future the Governor could reduce the already allocated budgets of a constitutional officer due to said constitutional officer having disagreements with the Governor. Because the duties performed by the constitutional offices are imperative to the state, this bill seeks to insulate the personnel protocols of these offices from the Office of Policy and Management.

RESPONSE FROM ADMINISTRATION/AGENCY:

Jeffrey Beckham, Secretary, Office of Policy and Management

Sec. Beckham expressed his strong opposition to this bill on behalf of the Office of Policy and Management. He explained that in the past, OPM has worked collaboratively with other agencies to navigate recruitment and retainment challenges. He also asserted that the Office must be able to carry out fiscal prudent practices regarding of all the state agencies, and that exempting a select few agencies would only impose harsher budget constraints on the others.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF SUPPORT:

None expressed.

NATURE AND SOURCES OF OPPOSITION:

None expressed.

Reported by: Sam Sims

Date: 4/7/2025