
OLR Bill Analysis

sHB 5456

AN ACT CONCERNING DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES AND PUBLIC PROTECTION.

SUMMARY

This bill expands, from two to three, the number of deputy commissioners the Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection (DESPP) commissioner must appoint.

By law, these deputies must help administer the agency under the DESPP commissioner's direction. The commissioner must appoint one deputy, with the powers and privileges of a state police officer, to head the Division of State Police and one deputy to head the Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Public Safety and Security Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 29 Nay 0 (03/17/2026)