
OFA Bill Analysis**SB 705*****AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN OFFICE OF PANDEMIC AND PUBLIC HEALTH PREPAREDNESS.*****SUMMARY:**

The bill requires the Department of Public Health to establish an Office of Pandemic and Public Health Preparedness (OPPHP) and to hire an executive director. Under the bill, the OPPHP is responsible for the state's pandemic preparedness, including establishing and maintaining an inventory of necessary medical equipment and medical supplies.

The bill also establishes an eleven-member committee on Pandemic and Public Health Preparedness to review and advise on the state's planning for and response to pandemics, epidemics and other public health emergencies. The administrative staff of the Public Health and Appropriations committees shall serve as the administrative staff of the task force.

Please see the fiscal note for more details.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 1, 2021

COMMITTEE ACTION

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 34 Nay 16