

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 57th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB1401
Version:	FloorAmendment1
Request Number:	
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Date:	3/11/2019
Impact:	Appropriations: amount based on Governor's determination

Research Analysis

Floor Amendment 1 to HB 1401 empowers the Governor to remove or replace the Science and Technology Policy Advisor without cause, and for the Advisor's removal by a 2/3 vote of each chamber of the Legislature.

The amendment also changes the appointment authority of the Science and Technology Policy Advisory Board, removing authority from the Advisor and granting it to the Governor, Speaker of the House and President Pro Tempore of the Senate.

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Fiscal Analysis

Floor Amendment 1 authorizes the Governor to set compensation for the Advisor. HB 1401 does not place the Advisor or Council beneath the umbrella of an existing agency. The measure does not identify a funding or revenue source to cover costs associated with the compensation. For these reasons it is assumed appropriated funds will be needed to cover the costs of the Advisor's compensation. The amount of appropriations needed will be a function of the Advisor's compensation as established by the Governor.

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Other Considerations

None.