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Proposed Amd.:

Sub. Bill For.:

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Provides relative to powers of the Judiciary Commission. (8/1/14)

Present law provides that in the course of any investigation or hearing held by the commission, it may administer oaths or affirmations, subpoena witnesses, compel their attendance, examine them under oath or affirmation, and require the production of books, records, documents, or other evidence deemed relevant or material to the investigation or hearing.
Proposed law provides that the discovery rules of the Code of Civil Procedure and Code of Criminal Procedure shall apply to any investigation or hearing held by the commission.

EXPENDITURES	2014-15	2015-16	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	5 -YEAR TOTAL
State Gen. Fd.	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	INCREASE	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Annual Total						

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EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION
The proposed legislation will result in an indeterminable increase in state general fund expenditures as a result of applying the discovery rules of Civil and Criminal Procedures to investigations and hearings conducted by the Judiciary Commission. The exact cost is unknown since any increase will vary depending on the scope of each investigation or hearing.
Potential costs for the commission may occur as a result of the court reporter staying longer to record depositions, transcripts increasing in length which would result in more pages paid for, increase in handling fees, and travel.
According to the Judiciary Commission, approximately 500 claims are made per year. Of those 500 claims, approximately 165 are looked into further which results in approximately 85 claims being investigated.

REVENUE EXPLANATION
There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.