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SB 246

**Health Services Cost Review Commission
Term of Office of Members**

Good afternoon, Vice Chair Hayes and Members of the Finance Committee;

Thank you for the opportunity to present SB 246, Health Services Cost Review Commission (HSCRC) – Term of the Office of Members. Senate Bill 246 addresses an issue that the Senate Executive Nominations Committee has experienced many times for various commissions, oversight committees and other various appointments.

This bill, however, only addresses the HSCRC, but it could be applied to all Commissions.

Current practice allows a nominee that is **not** approved by the Executive Nominations Committee, to retain their position until the Governor makes another appointment. The Governor, however, is not required to put forth another nominee.

Senate Bill 246 requires that when a HSCRC member's term expires and they are reappointed by the Governor but **not** approved by the Senate Executive Nominations Committee, that person MAY CONTINUE TO SERVE FOR A PERIOD NOT TO EXCEED 6 MONTHS. This requires the Governor to make another appointment to fill the HSCRC position.

I respectfully request a "Favorable Report" on SB 246.