REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

MR. PRESIDENT:

The Committee on **Public Health and Welfare** recommends **SB 488** be amended on page 4, in line 39, after the comma by inserting "and as provided further,"; in line 40, after "hire" by inserting "not more than five"; also in line 40, by striking all after "service"; in line 41, by striking all before the period;

On page 5, in line 3, after the period by inserting "During fiscal year 2025, moneys expended by the attorney general for the office of the inspector general shall not exceed \$775,456. The attorney general shall not authorize more than five full-time employees in fiscal year 2025 in the office of the inspector general."; in line 26, after "(d)" by inserting "(1)";

Also on page 5, in line 38, before "State" by inserting:

"(2) Access to contractor or healthcare provider files shall be limited to those files necessary to verify the accuracy of the contractor's or healthcare provider's invoices or their compliance with the contract provisions or program requirements. No healthcare provider shall be compelled under the provisions of this section to provide individual medical records of patients who are not clients of a state health assistance program.";

On page 6, in line 43, by striking "and";

On page 7, in line 3, by striking the period and inserting: "; and"

Following line 7, by inserting:

"(6) Access to contractor files shall be limited to those files necessary to verify the accuracy of the contractor's invoices or its compliance with the contract provisions. No healthcare provider shall be compelled to provide individual medical records of patients who are

not clients of such a program or programs.";

On page 9, following line 42, by inserting:

"(p) The amendments made by this act to this section shall expire on July 1, 2028."; and the bill be passed as amended.

Chairperson