

## So, what happens to HB 5 now that the substitute bill has been officially introduced?

1. Per Chairman Peter Beck, several more House Ways and Means Committee hearings will be held over the next few weeks to hear testimony from both proponents and opponents regarding their remaining concerns with HB 5.
2. When the final round of hearings comes to an end, the House Ways and Means Committee will vote to favorably report the bill to the House. *It is important to note that the bill may be amended before reporting it to the House.*
3. The bill then goes to the full House for a floor vote. *The bill may be amended or a substitute bill may be accepted before the vote.* If the vote is favorable, the bill will be sent to the Senate.
4. Once the bill is introduced to the Senate, the Senate Rules and Reference Committee will send the bill to another committee for review.
5. **NOTE: We are currently at this step.** Due to the complex and controversial nature of the bill, it is probable that the Senate committee reviewing the bill (the Senate Ways and Means Committee, as it turns out) will hold several hearings at this point. During this process, it will be possible for the Senate Ways and Means Committee to entertain amendments and sub bills on their own.
6. Once the hearings are finished, the Senate Ways and Means Committee will go through the same voting process as the House Ways and Means Committee. *Again, amendments may be introduced at this point.*
7. The bill will then go to the Senate floor, where *the Senate can vote to accept a sub bill or any number of amendments* before voting on the bill itself.
8. If the Senate has altered the bill, the alterations will be sent before the full House for approval. From here, two possible outcomes exist.
  - a. If the House approves of the changes, the bill will go before the Governor to be signed.
  - b. If the House disapproves of the changes made by the Senate, a conference committee is appointed to review the differing bills. This is a rare scenario and one that is unlikely to occur. Once reviewed, the conference committee will offer a new version of the bill. This version will then go to both the House and the Senate for a vote. Once passed by both the House and Senate, the bill will go before the Governor to be signed.
9. Once the bill is placed before the Governor, the Governor has the option to either enact/sign the bill, or to veto it.