

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Ben Mickens 271-1403

SB 422, relative to membership of the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention.

Hearing Date: January 14, 2026

Time Opened: 9:50 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:53 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Reardon, Pearl, McGough and Gannon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senator Altschiller

Bill Analysis: This bill adds 2 public members to the governor's commission on addiction, treatment, and prevention, one with expertise in gaming addiction and one in long-term recovery. The bill also makes the representative of the state's faith-based community a voting member of the commission.

Sponsors:

Sen. Watters

Sen. Birdsell

Sen. Lang

Sen. Prentiss

Rep. Nagel

Rep. Edwards

Who supports the bill: Senator David Watters, James Monahan (ASAP Alliance), Michaela Janowski

Who opposes the bill: None.

Who is neutral on the bill: None.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Senator David Watters

- SB 422 would amend the composition of Gov commission on addiction treatment and prevention, which I am a member of.
- This in response to changes that came from HB 2.
- The commission is working to establish addiction as one of the task force areas.
- If we want to have this new purpose and focus we want to have people with relevant experience and expertise to help us
 - 1 in gaming addiction and 2 members in long term recovery

Senator Pearl asked about the full size of the committee. Would this result in a total of ten members or are there more not seen in this legislation?

Senator Watters clarifies there are more members, this bill is only looking at the *public* members of the commission. There are more members, for example from the Senate and House.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: January 19, 2026