

The Florida Senate
HOUSE MESSAGE SUMMARY

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BILL: CS/SB 2618

INTRODUCER: Health Regulation Committee and Senator Jones

SUBJECT: Public Health

DATE: April 30, 2008

I. Amendments Contained in Message:

House Amendment 1 - 622583

II. Summary of Amendments Contained in Message:

Amendment 1 is a strikeall amendment containing the substance of the SB 2618 and the substance of the biomedical research bill (SB 2752 by Senator Peadar Kirby). SB 2752 was never heard in committee.

The amendment revises provisions relating to the James and Esther King Biomedical Research Program and the William G. "Bill" Bankhead, Jr., and David Coley Cancer Research Program. Requires that tobacco-generated revenue funds appropriated for these research programs be distributed for the prevention, diagnosis, treatment, and cure of specified diseases as a long-term goal of the research programs. The amendment modifies the grant award process through these programs.