DIGEST

The digest printed below was prepared by House Legislative Services. It constitutes no part of the legislative instrument. The keyword, one-liner, abstract, and digest do not constitute part of the law or proof or indicia of legislative intent. [R.S. 1:13(B) and 24:177(E)]

HB 525 Engrossed	2025 Regular Session	Walters

Abstract: Creates the Uterine Fibroids Commission.

Proposed law establishes the 13-member Uterine Fibroids Commission.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that all members except the member from the House of Representatives, the member from the Senate, the executive director of the governor's office on women's policy, and the member from Ochsner Health System shall be appointed by the governor.

<u>Proposed law</u> states that the commission shall adopt rules and regulations to provide for governance of the commission.

Proposed law establishes that the term of each member is four years.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the members of the commission serve without compensation except that legislative members receive per diem and travel reimbursements customary for attending a meeting, and nonlegislative members may receive reimbursement for expenses in accordance with the guidelines of the entity they represent.

<u>Proposed law</u> states that the chairman is elected by the members for a term to be determined by the members.

Proposed law provides that the domicile of the commission shall be Baton Rouge.

<u>Proposed law</u> states that the commission shall meet quarterly unless the commission, by a majority vote of the members, decides on a different schedule for meetings.

Proposed law provides that half of the members shall constitute a quorum.

<u>Proposed law</u> provides that the La. Dept. of Health shall provide administrative staff to and serve as staff for the commission.

<u>Proposed law</u> states that the purpose of the commission is to collaborate with and support stakeholders to provide education and awareness of uterine fibroids, polycystic ovary syndrome, and endometriosis and recommend policies to battle such conditions.

Proposed law directs the commission to submit an annual written report to the Senate and House

committees on health and welfare at least 60 days prior to each regular session.

(Adds R.S. 36:259(B)(22) and R.S. 40:1104)

Summary of Amendments Adopted by House

- The Committee Amendments Proposed by <u>House Committee on Health and Welfare</u> to the <u>original</u> bill:
- 1. Add a member to the commission from the Ochsner Health System.
- 2. Provide for the selection of the member from Ochsner Health System.
- 3. Make technical changes.