

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

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Meeting Dates:	4/29, 5/6

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Updates language and definitions related to continuing care retirement communities (CCRCs). Provides for increased disclosure of operating expenses including fees, financial status and Medicare and Medicaid provider status. Provides for the rights of residents in a CCRC, including establishment of a resident council and a resident representative to the community governing board. Eliminates entrance fees from definition of “open bed long term care facility.”. Eliminates requirement that changes to residential disclosure statements be disclosed to the Department of Human Services prior to release to residents. Requires providers amending an annual disclosure statement file all new materials with the department.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Consensus of stakeholder work group and final recommendations
- Need for increased transparency, consumer protection, strengthening of disclosure requirements
- Expanding department’s ability to revoke a registration of non-compliant provider
- Providing resident’s “Bill of Rights” for those who reside in CCRCs
- Discussion on varying types and amounts of entry fees versus monthly resident’s fees

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: In response to a 2007 legislative request, the Department of Human Services convened an advisory council and reviewed legislation relating to periodic charges, disclosure requirements and the budget process in continuing care requirement communities. The advisory council met throughout the interim and developed House Bill 2138 to increase transparency in continuing care retirement communities.

HB 2138-A updates statutory language and increases consumer protection for individuals in continuing care retirement communities based on the work of the advisory council.