

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote: 3 - 2 - 0
Yeas: Monnes Anderson, Verger, Morrisette
Nays: Kruse, Telfer
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 5/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Makes provider base rates and add-on payments mandatory in collective bargaining for adult foster care home providers that receive fees or payments from a public employer.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Necessity of proposed emergency clause amendment.
- Agency effect of indeterminate fiscal impact associated with measure
- Necessity of measure if bargaining structure already existing

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: Adult foster care providers fall under the Public Employee Collective Bargaining Act (PECBA), which defines what issues may be the topic of bargaining. PECBA does not address how to bargain over a provider rate that is an all-encompassing rate. Providers are currently paid a base rate for individual care. If a client needs significantly more care than the “typical” client, due to a need for a higher staffing ratio or specialized care, the client may be eligible for an add-on payment. House Bill 3279-A specifies that the collective bargaining process will determine the base rate and add-on amount for each type of client. The Department of Human Services determines, on an individual basis, if the client is eligible for an add-on amount.