

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: No fiscal impact

Action:	Do Pass and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar
Vote:	9 - 0 - 0
Yeas:	Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei
Nays:	0
Exc.:	0
Prepared By:	Keely West, Administrator
Meeting Dates:	3/9

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Prohibits Department of Human Services and Area Agencies on Aging from disclosing the protected personal information of adult foster home resident's in mandated reports. Prohibits disclosure of resident's name or other identifying demographic information as well as information about mental or physical health conditions, provision of healthcare or payment for healthcare by a resident.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: State law requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to maintain files on all adult foster homes at local DHS or Area Agency on Aging offices throughout the state and to make specific information available to the public through public records requests, which can be made by any individual. Available information includes, but is not limited, to the licensed provider's name, location of the home, a summary of the last inspection, copies of all complaint investigations involving the home, and substantiated reports of abuse and neglect. Complaint investigations reports include the agency's findings and actions taken by DHS. Currently, some personal data is protected by state and federal law and Senate Bill 162 expands protection, aligning the adult foster home statute with other statutes and prohibiting disclosure of additional identifying personal or confidential information.