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SUBJECT: Senate Bill 564



Chair Monnes Anderson and Members of the Committee; I am Mike Maley, Deputy Director for the Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS), Department of Human Services. I am here to provide information on SB 564. This bill relates to the provision of Support Services for Adults with Intellectual and other Developmental Disabilities (I/DD). These are in-home services provided to adults with I/DD through entities called support service brokerages. This service and structure was established by the Staley Settlement Agreement and subsequently codified via passage of HB 2600 in the 2011 Legislative session.

Specifically, this bill:

1. In Section 1(12) adds language to the current definition of “Support Services for Adults”;
2. In Section 2 (7) expands the use of support services for adults by adding conditions upon which the cost of alternate services are considered.
3. In Section 3 requires the bill to take effect upon passage.

In regard to the changes in Section 1 (12), the added wording to the definition establishes the purpose of support service to “maintain an individual with I/DD in their own or family home”. This addition can be construed as limiting the purpose of the

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service. Support services, in general terms, are intended to assist an individual in becoming fully engaged in community life by increasing opportunities for general inclusion, independence, and contribution activities, such as employment.

The provisions in Section 2 (7) are actually consistent with the ODDS “Sustainability Plan”. The underpinning principle of this plan is to avoid having individuals going into high cost out-of-home service by providing an effective array of in-home supports. Currently there is a work group, overseen by a larger stakeholder group, that is working on this very concept promoted in SB 564. Specifically the plans are for expanding the use of support services for adults as delivered through Support Service Brokerages. The work group is developing the policies and practices needed for this to occur, with implementation planned for next biennium.

Section 3 of the bill requires implementation upon passage. This is problematic given the need for continued policy/practice work, administrative rule changes, Federal Home and Community-Based Waiver changes which require approval from our federal partners at the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and needed training to delivery system staff in the field to implement the new policies and practices.

Thank you for this opportunity to present on SB 564. I am happy to address any questions you may have.