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# MEMORANDUM

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**To:** Human Services Subcommittee of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means

**From:** Laurie Byerly, Legislative Fiscal Office  
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**Date:** February 26, 2014

**Subject:** SB 1553-A  
Work Session Recommendations

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SB 1553-A establishes the Public Guardian and Conservator within the office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman to provide public guardian and conservator services for persons without relatives or friends willing or able to serve as guardians or conservators. Services are person-specific and range from making care decisions to handling financial issues.

Along with providing guardian and conservator services, the program will set professional standards for and certify guardians and conservators, produce training materials, develop a volunteer program to assist the guardians and conservators, establish an eligibility process for program services, and work with local programs and organization to provide services.

The measure previously had hearings in the Senate Health Care and Human Services Committee on February 4 and 11, 2014.

For the 2013-15 biennium, the bill has a fiscal impact of about \$950,000 General Fund; the cost will be covered by a General Fund appropriation in the session budget reconciliation bill. Since the program begins mid-biennium, costs for 2015-17 are projected to more than double due to the additional year and anticipated growth.

The recommendation is to amend the bill with the -A4 amendment and move the bill to the Full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

## **Amendment**

The proposed -A4 amendment eliminates the partnership fund and clarifies that persons receiving assistance are those who are eligible for program services. The amendment also removes the blank appropriation clause, since the bill's funding will be in the budget reconciliation bill.

**Motion: I move the -A4 amendment to SB 1553.**

**Measure as Modified**

The measure, as amended, is recommended to be moved to the Full Committee on Joint Ways and Means.

**Motion: I move SB 1553 to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means with a “do pass” recommendation, as amended.**

**Assignment of Carriers**

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1<sup>st</sup> Chamber: \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Chamber: \_\_\_\_\_