

**PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued

**SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO:** Ways and Means

**Action:**

**Vote:**

**Yeas:**

**Nays:**

**Exc.:**

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**Meeting Dates:** 3/12, 4/14

**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) administer pilot program to improve outcomes for those in its custody or foster care. Establishes requirements for program, including cultural training, targeting those who have experienced multiple placements, and implementation in both rural and urban regions. Requires evaluation and report to legislature by September 15, 2016. Appropriates one million General Fund dollars. Sunsets January 2, 2017. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Amendment pending to focus on services that support healing foster homes
- Integrating treatment with foster care
- “Trauma-informed” training
- Improving placement stability and success of foster relationships

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

*[amendment pending]*

**BACKGROUND:**