

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 3/19, 3/24, 4/16

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires specified entities provide one free copy of identifiable health information upon request, hard copy or digital, for purpose of application for or appeal of Social Security Disability benefits. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Social Security Disability applications and appeals processes
- Four to six, average number of requests for records, per applicant
- Effect of financial barriers on most vulnerable applicants
- Attorneys' contingent fee agreements with applicants

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-1 amendment] Makes applicable to appeal only.

BACKGROUND: