

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued

SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None

Action:

Vote:

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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Meeting Dates: 4/23

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) appoint advisory committee on coordination of statewide services for homeless and unaccompanied youth. Specifies committee role and composition. Requires DHS submit annual report to legislature by September 15. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

BACKGROUND: The Department of Human Services (DHS) was made responsible for coordinating statewide planning for runaway and homeless youth via House Bill 3260 in 2011; however, no statewide plan yet exists.

House bill 2232-A creates an advisory committee to inform decision making and coordination of comprehensive services for homeless and runaway youth. The advisory committee shall include persons with expertise in housing, mental health, addiction, sex trafficking, child welfare, and law enforcement. The measure further requires DHS to report to the legislature annually on its progress.