

SB 5521

Long Term Care Ombudsman

SB 5521 is the budget bill for the Long Term Care Ombudsman. The agency recruits and trains local volunteers to help it identify, investigate, and resolve non-abuse complaints made by, or on behalf of, residents in long-term care facilities. It is also responsible for providing public guardian and conservator services to individuals who do not have relatives or friends willing or able to assume those duties.

The Human Services Subcommittee approved a total budget of \$6.8 million, including \$6.1 million General Fund, and 25 positions. Due to the full-phase in of program expansions approved during the 2013-15 biennium, the budget is a 51 percent increase over the current biennium's budget.

The agency's performance measures were approved.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 5521 be amended by the -1 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.