

BUDGET REPORT AND MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER: Sen. Dembrow

**Joint Committee On Ways and Means**

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**Action:** Do Pass The B-Eng Bill.

**Action Date:** 06/26/15

**Vote:**

**Senate**

**Yeas:** 9 - Burdick, Devlin, Girod, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Winters

**Nays:** 3 - Hansell, Thomsen, Whitsett

**House**

**Yeas:** 10 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Smith, Whisnant, Williamson

**Nays:** 1 - Whitsett

**Exc:** 1 - McLane

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**Agency:** Department of Human Services

**Biennium:** 2015-17

## **Budget Summary**

	<b>2013-15 Legislatively Approved Budget</b>	<b>2015-17 Current Service Level</b>	<b>2015-17 Committee Recommendation</b>	<b>Committee Change from 2013-15 Leg. Approved</b>	
				<b>\$ Change</b>	<b>% Change</b>
General Fund	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 528,450	\$ 528,450	100.0%
Federal Funds Limited	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 890,218	\$ 890,218	100.0%
Total	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,418,668	\$ 1,418,668	100.0%

## **Position Summary**

Authorized Positions	0	0	0	0	
Full-time Equivalent (FTE) positions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

## **Revenue Summary**

House Bill 2618 appropriates \$528,450 General Fund and increases Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$890,218 to provide the Department of Human Services (DHS) with revenue to pay the higher retirement rate associated with police and fire employees for certain employees within the department. Federal revenues are matching funds through Title XIX Medicaid.

## **Summary of Human Services Subcommittee Action**

House Bill 2618 extends Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) police and fire benefits to employees who work in the Stabilization and Crisis Unit (SACU) within DHS. The program consists of twenty-three residential homes serving very vulnerable and behaviorally challenged individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Employees classified as police and fire under PERS statutes can retire at an earlier age and have a higher benefit factor used in calculating their retirement benefits. This classification affects the age and years of service an employee must work in order to be eligible for retirement. Typically, state employees are eligible for retirement at age 58 (if hired before 1/1/96) or 60 (if hired after 1/1/96). An employee classified as police and fire is eligible for retirement at the age of 55. The police and fire classification also reduces the required amount of service years from 30 to 25.

The Subcommittee approved a \$528,450 General Fund appropriation and increased Federal Funds expenditure limitation by \$890,218 for DHS to provide the resources necessary to pay the higher retirement rate (police and fire instead of general service) that DHS will be charged for the SACU employees who have been reclassified as police and fire employees under this bill.

**DETAIL OF JOINT COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS ACTION**

**HB 2618-B**

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DESCRIPTION	GENERAL FUND	LOTTERY FUNDS	OTHER FUNDS		FEDERAL FUNDS		TOTAL ALL FUNDS	POS	FTE	
			LIMITED	NONLIMITED	LIMITED	NONLIMITED				
<u>SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</u>										
<b>SCR 060-09 - Intellectual &amp; Devlpmntl Disabilities - I/DD</b>										
Personal Services	\$ 528,450	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 890,218	\$ -	1,418,668	0	0.00
<b>TOTAL SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION</b>	<b>\$ 528,450</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>\$ 890,218</b>	<b>\$ -</b>	<b>1,418,668</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0.00</b>