

STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No Revenue Impact

Action Date: 06/29/15

Action: Do Pass The B-Eng Bill.

Meeting Dates: 06/29

Vote:

Senate

Yeas: 12 - Burdick, Devlin, Girod, Hansell, Johnson, Monroe, Roblan, Shields, Steiner Hayward, Thomsen, Whitsett, Winters

House

Yeas: 11 - Buckley, Gomberg, Huffman, Komp, Nathanson, Rayfield, Read, Smith, Whisnant, Whitsett, Williamson

Exc: 1 - McLane

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services (DHS) to create advisory committee on matters relating to residential care facilities for children, as prescribed. Outlines advisory committee membership. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Fiscal impact
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

House Bill 2233 creates an advisory committee to Department of Human Services on matters relating to safety standards and reporting requirements for providers. The advisory committee is directed to discuss administrative and legislative solutions to address potential incidents of abuse or neglect in residential facilities that provide behavioral rehabilitation services. The advisory committee is also directed to ensure continued improvement and a higher safety standard in these facilities, and strengthen the relationship between practitioners and DHS, including the Office of Adult Abuse Prevention and Investigations, which provides regulation and oversight to these facilities.