

HB 2547 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates money from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services for operation of NorthWest Senior and Disability Services' Gatekeeper program. Declares an emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Increases appropriation amount to \$176,000.

BACKGROUND:

Gatekeeper programs train local business and organization employees to recognize and refer at-risk older adults and people with disabilities to the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). ADRC staff arrange follow-up contacts or referrals to the at-risk older adult or person with disability to provide support.

House Bill 2547 appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Human Services for operation of NorthWest Senior and Disability Services' Gatekeeper program. The bill declares an emergency and is effective July 1, 2017.