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To: Natural Resources Subcommittee
From: Matt Stayner, Legislative Fiscal Office
Date: June 6, 2017
Subject: SB 860 – Relating to Mental Health Treatment Providers
Work Session Recommendations

The bill requires the Department of Consumer and Business Services DCBS to conduct examinations of health insurers to review reimbursement parity and utilization management procedures for behavioral mental health providers, as compared to medical providers and mental health providers with prescribing privileges.

This type of examination is not currently performed by DCBS and the agency anticipates procurement of contracted services to perform the examinations required. The -A2 amendment changes the term “plan” to “carrier”, to clarify the applicability of the bill to health insurance carriers, as defined by statute. The -A4 amendment provide DCBS with Other Funds expenditure limitation to pay for the cost of the contracted services. DCBS reports that revenues to support the cost of examinations will come from examination fees charged to subject insurers.

Recommended Changes

LFO recommends adoption of the -A2 and -A4 amendments.

MOTION: I move adoption of the -A2 and -A4 amendments to SB 860. (VOTE)

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that SB 860, as amended by the -A2 and -A4 amendments, to be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

MOTION: I move SB 860, as amended, to the Full Committee with a do pass recommendation. (VOTE)

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

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