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To: Ways and Means Full Committee
From: Human Services Subcommittee
Re: HB 2661 Relating to long term care referral

Senator Winters: “HB 2661 requires persons providing long term care referrals to register with and pay a \$750 fee to the Department of Human Services every two years. The bill also provides definitions for this industry and imposes certain requirements on referral agents.

These include rules around what information must be disclosed to clients, compensation practices, and sharing of client information. Agents must also demonstrate to DHS that they meet requirements, have liability insurance, and submit to background checks.

The recommended amendment appropriates \$57,401 General Fund and increases Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$56,250 for DHS to implement the program with two part-time positions. Fee revenue will help cover program costs.

The Human Services Subcommittee HB 2661 be amended by the –A11 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.”