

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

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Measure: SB 238

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Measure Description:

Requires Department of Human Services to pay agencies that contract with department to provide comprehensive services to adults with physical, intellectual or developmental disabilities amounts sufficient for agencies to pay 150 percent of minimum wage to direct support professionals.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the Senate Committee Human Services and Housing to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Senate Bill 238 requires the Office of Developmental Disabilities (ODDS) in the Department of Human Services (DHS) to pay agencies that it contracts with to provide comprehensive services an amount that is sufficient to allow the agencies to pay wages to direct support professionals that average at least 150 percent of the state minimum wage and requires that this is adjusted annually for inflation. The bill also requires ODDS to develop and provide online training for direct support professionals, using the credentialing curriculum and Code of Ethics of the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals. The bill allows DHS to charge providers, who take the online training. The bill also requires DHS to provide need-based grants to the provider agencies to enable Direct Support Professionals to access the online training.

This bill is anticipated to have a fiscal impact to the the Department of Human Services. The amount of this impact is still being determined. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

Further Analysis Required