

HB 2547 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Action Date: 04/06/17

Action: Do pass with amendments
and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 6-0-3-0

Yeas: 6 - Keny-Guyer, Meek, Nearman, Olson, Sanchez, Stark

Exc: 3 - Gorsek, Noble, Piluso

Fiscal: Fiscal impact issued

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Appropriates \$176,000 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:

- Overview of Gatekeeper program
- Number of referrals to Gatekeeper program
- Identifying needs and resources for elderly individuals and persons with disabilities
- Training for community members to help elderly or persons with disabilities

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

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.

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