

HB 2839 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Rep. Alonso Leon

House Committee On Health Care

Action Date: 04/17/17

Action: Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)

Vote: 9-0-0-0

Yeas: 9 - Alonso Leon, Buehler, Greenlick, Hack, Hayden, Kennemer, Keny-Guyer, Malstrom, Nosse

Fiscal: Has minimal fiscal impact

Revenue: No revenue impact

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Prohibits entity to make transplant eligibility determination based on a disability, to refer individual to a transplant hospital, place individual on an organ transplant list or refuse the individual insurance coverage. Defines relative terms.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Background on individuals with mental or physical disabilities being denied access to organ transplants
- Discrimination with individuals with disabilities receiving transplants
- Other states (California and New Jersey) have adopted legislation prohibiting this type of discrimination
- Provisions of the bill
- Concerns relating to procurement organizations
- Proposed amendment

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces original measure.

BACKGROUND:

It has been reported that individuals with mental or physical disabilities have been denied access to life-saving organ transplants based on their disability and there are beliefs that these individuals cannot participate in a transplant operation without considering supports and other assistance due to their disability. Reports also indicate that people with disabilities may at times be viewed as "less worthy" of such operations. California and New Jersey have adopted legislation prohibiting discrimination in organ transplants against people with disabilities.

House Bill 2839-A prohibits an entity from considering any disability of a potential organ transplant recipient.