

SB 1525 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY
House Committee On Human Services and Housing

Carrier: Rep. Stark

Action Date: 02/22/18
Action: Do Pass.
Vote: 9-0-0-0
Yeas: 9 - Gorsek, Keny-Guyer, Meek, Nearman, Noble, Olson, Piluso, Sanchez, Stark
Fiscal: No fiscal impact
Revenue: No revenue impact
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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Exempts child caring agencies that provide adoption placement services, but not provide care to children and do not receive public funds, from requirement to provide financial statements that have been reviewed by an independent certified public accountant.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Requirements for child caring agencies
- Inclusion of adoption agencies within definition of child caring agencies

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Child caring agencies with an annual revenue in excess of \$1 million are required to provide the Department of Human Services (DHS) with annual financial statements that have been reviewed by a certified public accountant and have a tax compliance certificate issued by the Department of Revenue (DOR). Child caring agencies with annual revenues of \$1 million or less are required to provide DHS with financial statements that have been reviewed by a certified public accountant and a tax compliance certificate issued by the DOR at such times as DHS specifies. These requirements were created as oversight tools for DHS to supervise and monitor programs that provide direct care to children. Of the 200 child caring agencies currently licensed by DHS, 21 provide adoption placement services, but do not provide care to children.

Senate Bill 1525 exempts child caring agencies that provide adoption placement services, but do not provide care to children and do not receive public money, from having to submit annual financial statements that have been reviewed by a certified public accountant.