

HB 3206 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services and Housing

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Sub-Referral To: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Meeting Dates: 3/25

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Defines "preferred communication mode" and support service provider." Requires Department of Human Services (DHS) to administer a program to make support service providers available to individuals who are deaf-blind including visual and environmental information; sighted guide services; and communication accessible in the deaf-blind person's preferred language and communication mode. Requires DHS to adopt rules to administer the program including professional training and establishing a pay rate for support service providers. Requires DHS to provide funding technical assistance for training support service providers. Requires DHS to convene a stakeholder advisory committee. Allows DHS to accept gifts, grants or contributions.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Subsequent referral to Joint Ways and Means