SB 1039 -1 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Authorizes appointment of health care advocate to make health care decisions for individual with developmental disability receiving services through individualized written service plan if individual does not have guardian or health care representative. Specifies requirements for appointment, restrictions, and rights of individual for whom health care advocate has been appointed. Requires Department of Human Services to ensure appropriate training is available to all health care advocates, and to adopt necessary rules.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-1 Replaces measure. Authorizes appointment of health care advocate to make health care decisions for individual with an intellectual or developmental disability receiving services through individualized written service plan if individual does not have guardian or health care representative. Adds definition of 'individual' to mean person with an intellectual or developmental disability who receives services through an individualized written service plan. Specifies requirements for appointment, restrictions, and rights of individual for whom health care advocate has been appointed. Prohibits health care advocate from making specified health care decisions on behalf of an individual. Requires Department of Human Services to ensure appropriate training is available to all health care advocates, and to adopt necessary rules.

REVENUE: May have revenue impact, but no statement yet issued.

FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, but no statement yet issued.

BACKGROUND: