

**SB 20 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Eliminates distinction between developmentally disabled children and adults for purpose of eligibility and access to services by removing definition of "adult" and refining and reorganizing other definitions. Requires, rather than allows, Department of Human Services to use case management entities and to contract with support service brokerages and with each community developmental disabilities program.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

According to the Department of Human Services (DHS), 28,174 adults and children were enrolled in case management services with the Office of Developmental Disability Services (ODDS) as of September 2018. ODDS provides services through Community Developmental Disabilities Providers and brokerages. Community Developmental Disabilities Providers are able to deliver services to any eligible child or adult in any service setting; brokerages are able to deliver some services to some eligible adults and are not able to deliver any services to children.

Senate Bill 20 A consolidates eligibility for services to children and adults with developmental disabilities and provides more uniform access by eliminating the definition of "adult" and referring instead to "individuals." It also modifies other definitions, including definitions of "self-determination" and "community living setting." Finally, it requires DHS to use case management entities and to contract with support service brokerages and with each community developmental disabilities program concerning the provision of services.