

HB 2108 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Clarifies Department of Human Services (DHS) discretion to authorize independent residence facilities. Allows rather than requires independent residence facilities to be classified as child caring agencies if applicable criteria are met.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

Different types of child-caring agencies and their characteristics.

Licensing process for independent residence facilities.

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Independent residence facilities provide independent housing arrangements for residents, with available counseling services and minimal supervision. Currently, all independent residence facilities with six or more residents must be licensed by the Department of Human Services (DHS) as child caring agencies.?

House Bill 2108 removes the requirement that DHS license independent residence facilities with six or more occupants as child caring agencies, and makes it discretionary instead, when applicable criteria are met.