

## **SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

### **HB 2544**

#### **Relating to homeless youth**

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To: Ways and Means Full Committee  
From: Capital Construction Subcommittee  
Carrier: Representative Drazan

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HB 2544 directs the Department of Human Services to administer two grant programs for unaccompanied homeless youth.

The unaccompanied homeless youth services enhancement grant program provides grants to organizations to increase accessibility of programs and services such as shelter facilities, outreach, culturally specific services, and mental health or substance abuse services; and to create or strengthen partnerships with transitional housing options.

The host home projects grant program provides grants to organizations that operate host home projects for unaccompanied homeless youth, to improve school attendance, participate in formal or informal mentoring, and increase access to nutrition, health care, mental trauma-informed support, and transportation services.

A total of \$3.6 million General Fund is appropriated to DHS, with half of the funds allocated to each grant program. The agency will hire a limited-duration Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position for program administration.

The Capital Construction Subcommittee recommends HB 2544 be amended by the –A3 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.