

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

SB 749

Relating to residential care referrals

To:	Ways and Means Full Committee
From:	Human Services Subcommittee
Carrier:	Senator Lieber

SB 749 requires the Department of Human Services to register and regulate residential care referral agents. The measure requires referral agents to pay a registration fee, submit to a background check, register every two years, and meet disclosure requirements. The measure prohibits referral agents from a list of specified activities including referring clients to an unlicensed residential care program. The measure adds referral agents to the list of mandatory reporters.

DHS estimates the cost of this new program to register referral agents to be \$732,362 total funds. The recommended amendment reduces the registration fee from \$750 to \$325 and includes funding provisions for DHS to carry out the work required by the measure.

The Human Services Subcommittee recommends SB 749 be amended by the -A7 amendment and be reported out do pass, as amended.