

**SB 1556 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery**

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires individuals who provide direct care for persons receiving home- or community-based services, to be certified by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and to be included in a publicly available online database maintained by DHS, operative December 31, 2023. Specifies minimum requirements for certification and minimum content of database, with an exception to display less information. Requires employers to initiate certification of employees. Authorizes DHS to collect fee from private employers. Requires completion of rulemaking by January 1, 2023. Expands applicability to direct care providers in residential care facilities operative December 31, 2024. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

*[-1 amendment dated 01/26/22]* Requires DHS to collaborate with others to craft certification requirements to improve the direct care work force, and adds to an existing reporting requirement to the legislature, that DHS report on implementation as well; sunsets these provisions January 2, 2024. Makes refinements to reference existing statutory definition of home care workers; to capture both original and continuing certification; and replaces the exception to display limited information on the database with an exclusion from the database altogether if certain criteria are met.

**BACKGROUND:**