

SB 1550 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery

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Meeting Dates: 2/8, 2/10

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Relocates the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement from the Governor’s office to the Department of Human Services operative 91 days after the effective date. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of previous measure, Senate Bill 778 (2021)
- Functions of Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement being a natural, logical fit for DHS

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (the Office) was established in 2021 via Senate Bill 778 to centralize and organize support for these populations, and implement strategies to reduce economic and other disparities in the interest of their long-term success. The Office is currently located within the Governor’s office.

Senate Bill 1550 transfers responsibility for administration of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement to the Department of Human Services.