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**To:** Human Services Subcommittee

**From:** Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

**Date:** February 23, 2022

**Subject:** SB 1548 – Relating to community-based services  
Work Session Recommendations

SB 1548 has three components that will affect the services offered by the Department of Human Services (DHS) Office of Developmental Disabilities Services (ODDS):

- It creates a new in-home service option, agency with choice, which will allow Intellectual/Developmental Disability consumers to choose their direct service staff but not have to be the employer of record, which can be administratively burdensome for consumers.
- Gives small-home providers, in single-family detached homes, a temporary exemption from the new building code requirement to have an automatic fire suppression sprinkler system, while still ensuring consumer safety through compliance with Department fire safety standards in administrative rule.
- Requires providers to annually report staffing and fiscal data to ODDS, including information on executive compensation and benefits, direct support professional compensation and benefits, and overhead expenditures.

DHS estimates a need for \$3.3 million total funds and eight positions (3.84 FTE) in the 2021-23 biennium to implement the measure. The -A3 amendment puts the funding in the bill.

The measure had previous hearings in the Senate Committee on Human Services, Mental Health, and Recovery on February 3 and February 8, 2022.

### **Recommended Changes**

LFO recommends adoption of the -A3 amendment.

**Final Subcommittee Action**

LFO recommends that SB 1548, as amended by the -A3 amendment, be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

**Carriers**

Full Committee: \_\_\_\_\_

House Floor: \_\_\_\_\_

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