

HB 2573 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Joint Committee On Ways and Means

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

HB 2573 extends the sunset on the program to January 2, 2030, and requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to allocate up to one-third of the total funds in the Quality Care Fund to pilot projects approved by the Council. In addition, the measure extends to January 2, 3033 the sunset of a prohibition on local government regulation of facilities subject to regulation by DHS.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Quality Care Fund balance
- Use of existing Quality Care Fund balance to support operational costs in the Aging and People with Disabilities (APD) program
- Estimated amount available in 2025-27 for new senior medical services pilot projects

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

The Senior Medical Services Innovation Program provides funds for public sector pilot projects that test strategies to (a) address the emergency medical services needs of seniors who receive care in residential care facilities, (b) encourage the efficient use of emergency medical services, and (c) reduce the overall cost of services. HB 2573 extends the sunset on the program to January 2, 2030, and requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to allocate up to one-third of the total funds in the Quality Care Fund to pilot projects approved by the Council. In addition, the measure extends to January 2, 3033 the sunset of a prohibition on local government regulation of facilities subject to regulation by DHS. The agency estimates about \$4 million of long-term care facility fees and fines will be deposited in the Quality Care Fund during the 2025-27 biennium, as such up to about \$1.3 million could be available in the next biennium for senior medical services pilot projects.