

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact (-2)**FISCAL: May have fiscal impact, statement not yet issued (-2)****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None (introduced version needs referral to Ways and Means)****Action:****Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

Prepared By: Cheyenne Ross, Administrator**Meeting Dates:** 4/9, 4/21

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Creates Task Force on Home Care Commission staffed by Legislative Administration. Specifies composition, formalities, and object. Authorizes additional paid staff. Authorizes pre-session submission of legislation. Requires report to Legislature. Sunsets upon convening of 2016 regular legislative session. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Pending amendment
- Shortage of home care workers, projected to increase over time
- Recruiting and retaining home care workers across systems
- Investing in training and providing a career path

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-2 *amendment*] Replaces original measure. Requires adoption of statewide plan by Home Care Commission (HCC). Describes purpose and required content of plan. Requires HCC contract with another entity to recommend plan design. Appropriates \$1.5 million to Department of Human Services (DHS) for HCC to implement. Makes two specific recommendations to DHS. Requires annual report from DHS beginning December 1, 2015, on status of recommendations. Repeals recommendations and DHS' reporting requirement January 2, 2020. Requires HCC convene work group. Specifies work group focus. Requires report from HCC by September 16, 2015. Repeals HCC work group and report provisions January 2, 2016. Requires HCC conduct orientations for home care workers. Authorizes HCC to work independently as well as cooperatively. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

BACKGROUND: