

**STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY****Senate Committee On Human Services and Early Childhood****Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued**Revenue:** No Revenue Impact**Action Date:** 04/21/15**Action:** Do Pass With Amendments And Requesting Referral To Ways And Means.  
(Printed A-Engrossed.)**Meeting Dates:** 04/09, 04/21**Vote:**

Yeas: 5 - Dembrow, Gelser, Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Olsen

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

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.

**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 career path

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:**

Replaces original measure.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Home Care Commission (HCC) was established in 2000 via constitutional amendment. It is responsible for ensuring the quality of home care services for seniors and people with disabilities funded by the Department of Human Services (DHS).

Senate Bill 774-A requires HCC to adopt a statewide plan in anticipation of an increasing shortage of home care workers. The measure directs HCC to convene a work group and appropriates funds to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for HCC to contract with an outside entity on plan design. The measure also requires reports to the legislature from both DHS and the HCC.