



## Open Government Impact Statement

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## Measure: HB 2106

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### SUMMARY

Renames Children's Advocate to Human Services Ombudsperson. Renames Office of Children's Advocate to Office of the Human Services Ombuds. Expands scope of office duties to include matters relating to elderly person and vulnerable adult abuse. Authorizes Director of Human Services to terminate Human Services Ombudsperson for just cause.

### OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

Legislative Counsel has not adopted standards for drafting measures that establish exemptions from disclosure of public records.

This measure prohibits public disclosure of records obtained by the Office of the Human Services Ombuds from outside entities that are confidential, privileged or otherwise protected from disclosure unless otherwise permitted by state or federal law.

If public records that could be subject to public disclosure were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could receive additional information regarding investigations performed by the Human Services Ombudsperson related to Department of Human Services programs and services, and abuse investigations involving children, elderly persons and vulnerable adults, the foster care system and eligibility for public assistance programs administered by the department.