

**SB 1550 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**Senate Committee On Human Services, Mental Health and Recovery**

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**Action Date:** 02/10/22

**Action:** Do pass and requesting referral to Ways and Means.

**Vote:** 3-0-2-0

**Yeas:** 3 - Gelser Blouin, Lieber, Sollman

**Exc:** 2 - Kennemer, Robinson

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**Meeting Dates:** 2/8, 2/10

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Relocates the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement from the Governor’s office to the Department of Human Services (DHS) operative 91 days after taking effect. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Provisions of previous measure, Senate Bill 778 (2021)
- Functions of Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement being a natural, logical fit for DHS

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement (the Office) was established in 2021 via Senate Bill 778 to centralize and organize support for these populations, and implement strategies to reduce economic and other disparities in the interest of their long-term success. The Office is currently located within the Governor’s office.

Senate Bill 1550 transfers responsibility for administration of the Office of Immigrant and Refugee Advancement to the Department of Human Services (DHS).