

SB 93 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Senate Committee On Human Services

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Meeting Dates: 3/27

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs the Department of Human Services to study processes for delivering services to aging adults and report to the Legislative Assembly by September 15, 2024. Sunsets January 2, 2025.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

No amendment.

BACKGROUND:

Community-based supports and services (CBSS) are designed to help community-dwelling older adults remain safely in their homes and delay or prevent institutionalization. CBSS provide specific resources for older adults and their caregivers that include wellness programs, nutritional support, educational programs about health and aging, and counseling services for caregivers, as well as general assistance with housing, finances, and home safety. CBSS also provide opportunities for community and civic engagement through programs and can enhance individuals' skills and attitudes ([National Association of Area Agencies on Aging, 2011](#)). [The Community Services and Supports Unit](#) is dedicated to making it easier for seniors to get the help they need to support their well-being and maintain themselves in the community for as long as possible with independence, dignity, and choice through the delivery of services funded by the [Older Americans Act](#). The Community Services and Supports Unit works closely with [16 Area Agencies on Aging](#) to create a comprehensive package of community services. In addition, this unit works in collaboration with community partners and stakeholders to develop and administer a federally required State Plan on Aging.

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