

SB 759 A STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

Carrier: Sen. Weber

Senate Committee On Human Services**Action Date:** 03/29/23**Action:** Do pass with amendments. (Printed A-Eng.)**Vote:** 5-0-0-0**Yeas:** 5 - Gelser Blouin, Manning Jr, Prozanski, Robinson, Weber**Fiscal:** Has minimal fiscal impact**Revenue:** No revenue impact**Prepared By:** Iva Sokolovska, LPRO Analyst**Meeting Dates:** 3/29**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to investigate options for compensating the roommates if the adult who receives developmental disability services chooses to receive services from roommates in the home that the adult owns or rents. Requires DHS to report to the Legislative Assembly by December 1, 2023, on potential methods for compensating roommates who provide caregiving; the effect of rules regarding home and community-based services on the use of roommates to provide caregiving; federal funding that is available to compensate a roommate for providing caregiving; and descriptions of the roommate caregiver models currently implemented in other states. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Provisions of the measure

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

Replaces the measure.

BACKGROUND:

[According to parents](#), only 17 percent of adults with disabilities in the U.S. live independently. About 70 percent live with their parents or other relatives and 10 percent live in group homes or other institutions. The remaining three percent are in other living arrangements, including roommate-sharing agreements. Adults with developmental disabilities who are no longer living with family members can reside in group homes with other people with disabilities or live independently with assistance from service providers who come to their residence. In 2018 in Minnesota, a service called [Rumi](#) started matching people with disabilities who have Medicaid waivers with a compatible caregiver based on shared interests and needs. The pairs live in homes or apartments in the community just like typical roommates and the caregivers are paid for whatever level of services they provide, which can range from overnight supervision to around-the-clock support. [Partners4Housing](#) was created in 2010 for families of individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities in Washington and Arizona to find roommates and set up shared housing solutions. [L'Arche](#) is a nonprofit network of integrated homes where each of the dozens of homes across the U.S. has four or five residents with developmental disabilities and three live-in assistants without disabilities. In Oregon, [The Office of Developmental Disability Services](#) offers services to adults to assist an individual to live in their own home or with family or friends, to 24-hour comprehensive services. Services offered have specific eligibility standards and are offered through local [Community Developmental Disabilities Programs \(CDDP\)](#)

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