



Open Government Impact Statement

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Measure: SB 1159

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SUMMARY

Digest: The Act moves the office of Children's Advocate from DHS to the LTCO, changes how the CA is appointed and moves oversight of the CIRTs from DHS to the CA. (Flesch Readability Score: 66.4).

Transfers the office of Children's Advocate from the Department of Human Services to the office of the Long Term Care Ombudsman. Establishes the Children's Advocacy Advisory Board to nominate candidates for the Governor to select from when appointing the Children's Advocate. Expands the duties and authority of the Children's Advocate. Transfers oversight of the Critical Incident Review Teams from the Director of Human Services to the Children's Advocate.

Takes effect on the 91st day following adjournment sine die.

OPEN GOVERNMENT IMPACT

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

This measure exempts from public disclosure the identity of any complainant or child on who behalf a complaint is made to the Children's Advocate or designee of the Children's Advocate. This measure also prohibits the Children's Advocate, or a designee, from disclosing the identity of any child unless the child or legal representative of the child consents in writing to the disclosure.

If the public records were instead subject to mandatory disclosure under public records law, the public could learn the identity of a person who makes a complaint to the Children's Advocate, or the identity of the child on whose behalf the complaint is made.