

SENATE AMENDMENTS TO SENATE BILL 741

By COMMITTEE ON HUMAN SERVICES

April 18

On page 1 of the printed bill, line 2, delete “; and prescribing an effective date”.

Delete lines 4 through 28 and delete page 2 and insert:

“SECTION 1. (1) As used in this section, ‘cost to raise a child’ means the amount a family will spend per child as estimated in the most recent United States Department of Agriculture report on Expenditures on Children by Families, adjusted for inflation.

“(2) Not later than July 1 of each even-numbered year, the Department of Human Services shall report to the relevant interim committees of the Legislative Assembly and the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means about compensation to individuals who maintain a foster home or to child caring agencies that authorize proctor foster homes. The report must include, at a minimum, information about each of the following as measured on April 1 of the reporting year:

“(a) The total number of certified foster homes serving children.

“(b) The total number of child-specific foster homes serving children.

“(c) The total number of general foster homes serving children.

“(d) The total number of proctor foster homes serving children.

“(e) The total number of foster homes and the total number of foster homes approved to serve children but without any current placement.

“(f) The total number of children served in proctor or certified foster homes.

“(g) The current payment methodology for services provided by proctor foster parents and by certified foster parents, including but not limited to:

“(A) The base payment rate.

“(B) Any enhanced rates.

“(C) Any reimbursements for mileage, childcare or respite.

“(h) The date and percentage of the last certified foster care or proctor foster care rate increase.

“(i) An explanation of what percentage of the cost to raise a child is represented by the current base rate for certified foster care and proctor foster care, disaggregated by age group.

“(j) An estimate of the General Fund cost to raise the base rate for certified and proctor foster care to 90 percent and 100 percent of the cost to raise a child, disaggregated by age group.

“(k) The current base rate for certified and proctor foster care in Washington, Idaho, California, Nevada and Utah.

“SECTION 2. The Department of Human Services shall submit the first report under section 1 of this 2025 Act no later than July 1, 2026.”.

