

ONE HUNDRED FIRST LEGISLATURE - SECOND SESSION - 2010

COMMITTEE STATEMENT

LB701

Hearing Date: Wednesday January 20, 2010
Committee On: Health and Human Services
Introducer: Hadley
One Liner: Change distribution of ICF/MR Reimbursement Protection Fund

Roll Call Vote - Final Committee Action:

Advanced to General File with amendment(s)

Vote Results:

Aye: 7 Senators Campbell, Gay, Gloor, Howard, Pankonin, Stuthman, Wallman
Nay:
Absent:
Present Not Voting:

Proponents:

Senator Hadley
Scott Hoffman

Representing:

Introducer
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Opponents:

Representing:

Neutral:

Representing:

Summary of purpose and/or changes:

LB 701 (Hadley) Change distribution of ICF/MR Reimbursement Protection Fund

LB 701 changes and adds provisions relating to the allocation of funds from the intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF/MR) provider tax.

The bill amends section 68-1804 relating to the ICF/MR provider tax. Current statute allocates funds with any remaining proceeds to the General fund. LB 701 specifies, beginning with FY2010 and each fiscal year thereafter, no proceeds would go to the General fund. Rather, the bill intends that all remaining proceeds (not specifically allocated per the statute) would be utilized to provide staff of non-state-operated intermediate care facilities with employee salaries and benefits equal to the salaries and benefits paid to "state workers employed in similar positions in state-operated intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded". Additionally, the bill ends the specific allocation of "\$300,000 dollars for payment of rates to non-state-operated intermediate care facilities".

Explanation of amendments:

AM 1912 changes the bills enactment from FY2010-11 to FY2011-12.

The amendment specifies the priority of first through fifth, the allocation of funds from the ICF/MR Reimbursement Protection fund.

AM 1912 changes to six hundred thousand dollars, or such lesser amount as may be available in the fund, the allocation for non-state-operated intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded; in addition to any continuation appropriations

percentage increase provided by the Legislature.

Finally, the amendment adds a fifth priority for the remainder of the proceeds to go to the general fund.

Tim Gay, Chairperson