

Department of Planning and Budget

2019 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: HB 2306

House of Origin	☐ Introduced	☐ Substitute	☒ Engrossed
Second House	☐ In Committee	☐ Substitute	☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Landes

3. Committee: -

4. Title: Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services; referral

5. Summary: The amended legislation directs the Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services to make referrals to any employment services organization that provides competitive or commensurate wages and is eligible to receive state-funded Long-Term Employment Support Services or Extended Employment Services. The bill also requires the department to develop and implement a referral process for individuals who make an informed choice to pursue an employment outcome that is not considered a competitive integrated employment setting by the department. The bill also establishes the Employment Service Organization Steering Committee as an advisory board in the executive branch of state government. The bill provides that the purpose of the committee is to report to and advise the Commissioner for Aging and Rehabilitative Services on policy, funding, and the allocation of funds to employment services organizations for Long-Term Employment Support Services and Extended Employment Services. The committee is limited to four meetings each year.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: No

7. Minimal Fiscal Impact

8. Fiscal Implications: The proposed legislation would require DARS to modify its current referral process and training materials to incorporate the bill's provisions. It is assumed that DARS would be able to make these modifications with existing staff. In addition, DARS would have to begin reimbursing members of the Employment Service Organization Steering Committee for reasonable and necessary expenses that are incurred as part of serving on the committee. Assuming the committee meets four times each year, it is estimated that total reimbursements would be less than \$5,000 annually. Again, it is assumed that these costs can be absorbed within existing agency resources.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected:
Department for Aging and Rehabilitative Services

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No

11. Other Comments: This bill is a companion to SB 1485.