

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE AMENDMENT

Committee on Business, Labor, & Technology.

SB23-261 be amended as follows:

1 Amend printed bill, page 9, after line 10 insert:

2 "(IV) INVESTIGATE CURRENT BARRIERS TO HIGHER WAGES AND
3 BENEFITS AND IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS FOR DIRECT CARE
4 WORKERS, INCLUDING INADEQUATE REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH THE
5 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLES 4, 5, AND 6 OF
6 TITLE 25.5; THE ABILITY OF THE MARKET TO SUPPORT HIGHER CASH PAY
7 RATES; THE HIGH COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS, INCLUDING HIGH OVERHEAD
8 COSTS, THE COSTS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION, LIABILITY, AND
9 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE COSTS; AND
10 THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE DIRECT CARE INDUSTRY, WITH CAREFUL
11 CONSIDERATION GIVEN TO THE VIABILITY OF THE DIRECT CARE INDUSTRY
12 IN RURAL AREAS OF THE STATE;"

13 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

14 Page 9, after line 25 insert:

15 "(II) DATA CONCERNING CURRENT BARRIERS TO HIGHER WAGES
16 AND BENEFITS AND IMPROVED WORKING CONDITIONS FOR DIRECT CARE
17 WORKERS, INCLUDING INADEQUATE REIMBURSEMENT THROUGH THE
18 MEDICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM ESTABLISHED IN ARTICLES 4, 5, AND 6 OF
19 TITLE 25.5; THE ABILITY OF THE MARKET TO SUPPORT HIGHER CASH PAY
20 RATES; THE HIGH COSTS OF DOING BUSINESS, INCLUDING HIGH OVERHEAD
21 COSTS, THE COSTS OF WORKERS' COMPENSATION, LIABILITY, AND
22 UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE, AND REGULATORY COMPLIANCE COSTS; AND
23 THE LONG-TERM VIABILITY OF THE DIRECT CARE INDUSTRY, INCLUDING
24 THE VIABILITY OF THE DIRECT CARE INDUSTRY IN RURAL AREAS OF THE
25 STATE;"

26 Renumber succeeding subparagraphs accordingly.

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