After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

SB16-199 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

1. Amend reengrossed bill, page 12, line 9, strike "$225,000" and substitute "$125,000".

2. Page 12, strike line 19 and substitute "the state ombudsman program will require an additional 1.0 FTE. The state ombudsman program may use this appropriation to implement this act."

3. Page 1, line 103, strike "SERVICES AND" and substitute "SERVICES,".