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# HJR 24: DD SERVICES FOR ADULTS

*Note: Material in italics will be revised to reflect final committee decisions.*

## CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Based on the information received throughout the study, the committee decided to focus on:

- *improving direct-care worker wages;*
- *providing more flexibility in the funding of community services; and*
- *creating a more comprehensive system of crisis response.*

Members were encouraged by the weekly conversations that DPHHS began to have with community providers in the spring of 2018. However, members also felt the Legislature could play a role in resolving some concerns. *Toward that end, the committee proposed the following bills for consideration by the 2019 Legislature:*

- *LCCF01, requiring use of a multidisciplinary approach to assessing the type and amount of services a person with developmental disabilities will need in the community, including use of standardized and reliable assessment tools;*
- *LCCF2a, requiring the executive budget to include information on the costs of an inflationary increase for DD provider rates;*
- *LCCF2b, appropriating money to increase direct-care worker wages by (WHAT AMOUNT) per hour over (WHAT TIME PERIOD);*
- *LCCF3a, requiring that general fund appropriated to match federal funds for the developmental disabilities home and community-based services waiver be used only for waiver services or for a grant program that could cover additional costs for providers or people with developmental disabilities;*
- *LCCF3b, requiring the use of daily or monthly reimbursement rates for certain DD services, rather than the hourly rates currently in effect;*
- *LCCF4(a or b), creating a crisis response program that focuses on prevention and intervention and allows for higher levels of support to people in crisis, if necessary; and*
- *LCCF05, requiring a review of administrative rules, policies, and procedures for the community developmental disabilities system to eliminate duplication and ensure consistent application of the rules and policies.*

The committee also made the following findings and recommendations:

- *(Any additional committee conclusions will be listed here.)*