

SB 5852-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Creates a governor's advisory committee on vendor rates and requires the committee to: (1) Study and review methods and procedures for establishing rates or fees of vendors of goods, services, and care purchased by the department of social and health services including medical and welfare care and services;

(2) Provide professional and trade associations or other representative groups of the service areas the opportunity to present to the committee their evidence for justifying the methods of computing and the justification for rates or fees they propose; and

(3) Request vendors to provide the committee with an evaluation and justification of the method of establishing rates or fees.

Requires reimbursement rates for behavioral rehabilitation services providers to be increased for the 2015-2017 biennium.

Requires the department of social and health services to create a differentiated rate in behavioral rehabilitation services for licensed group homes which provide residential services to children.

Requires contracted rates for behavioral rehabilitation services to be adjusted as needed to reflect the costs of care for the provider.