

HCS HB 1873 -- PERSONAL CARE ASSISTANCE SERVICES (Lembke)

COMMITTEE OF ORIGIN: Senior Citizen Advocacy

This substitute changes the requirements for financial assistance for personal care services. The substitute:

- (1) Removes the requirement that an applicant and his or her spouse have an adjusted income within 300% of the federal poverty level, less any disability-related medical expenses;
- (2) Specifies that in order to establish financial need an applicant can demonstrate disability-related medical and reasonable living expenses as approved by the Department of Health and Senior Services;
- (3) Removes the requirement that an applicant's spouse submit documentation of his or her income;
- (4) Stipulates that each consumer who participates in the program is responsible for a monthly premium between zero and 5% of his or her income as specified in the substitute; and
- (5) Specifies if the individual receiving assistance is married, the couple's combined adjusted gross income cannot exceed \$125,000.

The substitute contains an emergency clause.

FISCAL NOTE: Estimated Cost on General Revenue Fund of Greater than \$100,000 in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009. No impact on Other State Funds in FY 2007, FY 2008, and FY 2009.