

2358-S

Sponsor(s): House Committee on Health Care (originally sponsored by Representatives Dyer, Cody, Cooke, Kastama, Tokuda, Linville, Carlson, Anderson, Mitchell and Mason)

Brief Title: Establishing provisions for managed mental health care.

HB 2358-S - DIGEST

(DIGEST OF PROPOSED 1ST SUBSTITUTE)

Declares an intent to: (1) Create a managed public mental health care system that meets national standards for effective managed mental health care including best business practices for efficiency;

(2) establish performance and outcome standards;

(3) clearly provide for consumer protection, consumer rights and involvement, and community health and security;

(4) meet the needs of vulnerable populations, including the requirement to promote early identification of, and services to, mentally ill children, and ensure system accountability as required by this chapter; and

(5) reinvest public mental health funds for improved outcomes for consumers and communities.

Creates a task force to the legislature on managed public mental health care to make recommendations relating to the design and implementation of managed public mental health care services.

Makes an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars from the general fund to the house of representatives for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1999, to carry out the purposes of this act.