FINAL BILL REPORT

HB 2374

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Brief Description: Providing funding for senior volunteer programs.

By Representatives Kremen, Chandler, McLean, Winsley, Basich, Wood, Rayburn, Vance, Mitchell, Betrozoff, Dellwo, Grant, Pruitt, Ebersole, Spanel, Zellinsky, Ballard, Tate, R. King, Peery, Jacobsen, Leonard, Cantwell, Jones, G. Fisher, R. Johnson, Riley, Wang, Moyer, Franklin, Morton, Edmondson, Paris, Roland, J. Kohl, Fuhrman, Ludwig, Bray, Brekke, May, H. Myers, Rasmussen, O'Brien and Sheldon.

House Committee on Human Services Senate Committee on Children & Family Services

Background: The number of senior citizens is expected to grow dramatically over the next 20 years. Seniors who have spent a lifetime acquiring professional, occupational, and life skills are a valuable resource for society. Current state programs for senior volunteers do not have a statutory framework for distributing funds to retired senior volunteer programs.

Summary: The Department of Community Development will distribute appropriated funds to retired senior volunteer programs according to the following formula: 65 percent according to criteria determined by the department, up to 20 percent by competitive grant to establish new or expand existing programs, 10 percent for administration, and up to 5 percent for state-wide projects. Priorities for funds include education, tutoring, English as a second language, drug abuse prevention, housing and homelessness, and respite care.

Votes on Final Passage:

House 95 0 Senate 49 0

Effective: June 11, 1992

Partial Veto Summary: The governor vetoed a section providing a July 1, 1992 effective date for the Department of Community Development to utilize a funding formula when

distributing appropriated funds for retired senior volunteer programs. The veto also removes the requirement that the Department of Community Development implement this legislation promptly (See VETO MESSAGE).