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MEMORANDUM

To: Senate Committee on Ways and Means
From: Office of Revisor of Statutes
Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2021
Re: Senate Bill No. 154

Senate Bill No. 154 would provide an increase to provider reimbursement rates for home and community-based services provided under the intellectual or developmental disability waiver.

SB 154 would appropriate approximately \$12.4M to the Kansas Department for Aging and Disability Services for fiscal year 2022 from the state general fund and direct the agency to implement a 7% reimbursement rate increase for such providers. The bill would also appropriate approximately \$11.4M for fiscal year 2023 for an additional 6% reimbursement rate increase and approximately \$10M for fiscal year 2024 for an additional 5% reimbursement rate increase.

The bill would also provide for an ongoing annual increase to such reimbursement rates. Beginning in fiscal year 2025, and each fiscal year thereafter, such reimbursement rates would increase by the greater of 2% or the annual percentage increase in the consumer price index for urban wage earners and clerical workers for the immediately preceding calendar year.

The bill would direct the Robert G. (Bob) Bethell joint committee on home and community based services and KanCare oversight to review and make findings and recommendations regarding the number of individuals waiting to receive home and community-based services under the intellectual or developmental disability waiver during the committee's meetings during the second half of 2021 and the first half of 2022. The joint committee would submit the committee's findings in their annual report to the legislature at the beginning of the 2022 and 2023 regular sessions.

SB 154 would take effect upon publication in the statute book, July 1, 2021.