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COMMITTEE: Finance

BILL TITLE: Department of Aging - Dementia Care Coordinator and Dementia Care Navigators

POSITION: Letter of Information

Thank you for the opportunity to provide information regarding SB 505 – Department of Aging - Dementia Care Coordinator and Dementia Care Navigators.

The position of Dementia Care Coordinator would require a candidate with substantial and very specific experience and knowledge. Due to these requirements, the salary for the Dementia Care Coordinator would need to be a Grade 18, Step 14 with a salary starting at \$76,299. This position would require supervision from senior management at a salary portion of \$8,054. The total amount for both salaries and fringe is \$135,340.

In order to meet the provisions SB 505, a certain number of Dementia Care Navigators need to be hired in each jurisdiction. The department determined that the average salary for this position would be \$90,000 (including fringe). For smaller jurisdictions at least two Dementia Care Navigators would need to be hired and at least four in larger jurisdictions for a total of 46 Dementia Care Navigators for the entire state. The total expenditures for 46 Dementia Care Navigators at a salary of \$90,000 (including fringe) would be \$4,140,000.

For these reasons, the Department of Aging offers this Letter of Information for SB505 and strongly urges a reconsideration of the legislation in its current form.