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HB747 – Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities – Membership - Favorable

Chairwoman Bagnall, Vice Chair Cullison, and members of the committee, thank you for the opportunity to present HB747 – Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities – Membership. This bill is the crossfile of Senator Simonaire’s SB123.

As drafted, this consensus bill revises the number of Senators and Delegates on the Oversight Committee on Quality of Care in Nursing Homes and Assisted Living Facilities. This bill alters the membership to 1 Senator and 1 Delegate. The reason is because prior to 2023, this oversight committee had shared responsibility between EEE and Finance. Thus 2 Senators were assigned to the committee, and the House matched the number of Senators on the committee with 2 of their own Delegates. In 2023, the Senate Committee names were changed along with their scope of responsibility, and as a result the oversight committee no longer was under 2 Senate committees but just Finance. Therefore, the Senate now only needs one member on the oversight committee. And since there is only one Senate member needed, the House no longer desires to have 2 members but 1 as well.

There is one amendment that is supported and proposed by the Department of Aging to update the membership on the committee as some groups are defunct now and some names have changed. For all these reasons, I ask for your favorable consideration with amendments.

Yours truly,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nick Kipke'.

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