

**Subject** Vulnerable adult protective services

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## Summary

Section 1 of this bill directs the commissioner of human services to establish three working groups in order to develop policies and provide guidance on:

- 1) providing adult protective services for individuals with mental health and substance use disorder-related disabilities;
- 2) addressing racial and ethnic inequity in the provision of adult protective services; and
- 3) best practices for county adult protective services agencies.

The bill requires an annual report on the working groups' activities, and provides an expiration date of December 15, 2024, for section 1.

Section 2 of the bill appropriates \$30,000,000 in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner to allocate to county boards and Tribal governments for adult protection grants.

Section 3 appropriates \$10,000,000 of onetime funding, available until June 30, 2024, in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner for pilot projects that address inequities in county adult protective services related to race, ethnicity, and mental illness. It requires the commissioner to incorporate findings and recommendations from the commissioner's 2021 Evaluation Report of Adult Protective Services Standardized Intake Decision Tool, specifies requirements for the pilot projects, and requires the commissioner to submit a legislative report after the pilot projects conclude.

Section 4 appropriates \$250,000 of onetime funding in fiscal year 2023 from the general fund to the commissioner, to establish the multidisciplinary working groups under section 1.