

1.1 moves to amend H.F. No. 4418 as follows:

1.2 Page 1, delete section 1 and insert:

1.3 "Section 1. **DIRECTION TO COMMISSIONER OF HUMAN SERVICES; COST**
1.4 **ESTIMATION MODEL FOR EARLY CARE AND LEARNING PROGRAMS.**

1.5 (a) The commissioner of human services shall develop a cost estimation model for
1.6 providing early care and learning in the state. In developing the model, the commissioner
1.7 shall consult with relevant entities and stakeholders, including but not limited to the State
1.8 Advisory Council on Early Childhood Education and Care under Minnesota Statutes, section
1.9 124D.141; county administrators; child care resource and referral organizations under
1.10 Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.19, subdivision 1; and organizations representing
1.11 caregivers, teachers, and directors.

1.12 (b) The commissioner shall ensure that the model can estimate variation in the cost of
1.13 early care and learning by:

1.14 (i) quality of care;

1.15 (ii) geographic area;

1.16 (iii) type of child care provider and associated licensing standards;

1.17 (iv) age of child;

1.18 (v) whether the early care and learning is inclusive, caring for children with disabilities
1.19 alongside children without disabilities;

1.20 (vi) provider and staff compensation, including benefits such as professional development
1.21 stipends, health benefits, and retirement benefits;

1.22 (vii) a provider's fixed costs, including rent and mortgage payments, property taxes, and
1.23 business-related insurance payments;

2.1 (viii) a provider's operating expenses, including expenses for training and substitutes;
2.2 and

2.3 (ix) a provider's hours of operation.

2.4 (c) By January 30, 2024, the commissioner shall report to the legislative committees
2.5 with jurisdiction over early childhood programs on the development of the cost estimation
2.6 model. The report shall include:

2.7 (1) recommendations for how the model could be used in conjunction with a child care
2.8 provider wage scale to set provider payment rates for child care assistance under Minnesota
2.9 Statutes, chapter 119B; and

2.10 (2) the department's plan to seek federal approval to use the model for provider payment
2.11 rates for child care assistance."

2.12 Page 2, line 24, delete the second "family"

2.13 Page 2, line 25, delete "2023" and insert "2024"

2.14 Page 3, line 3, delete "\$....." and insert "\$187,000"

2.15 Page 3, line 5, after "appropriation" insert "and is available until June 30, 2024"

2.16 Page 3, line 7, delete "\$....." and insert "\$187,000"

2.17 Page 3, line 9, after "appropriation" insert "and is available until June 30, 2024"