

HOUSE RESEARCH

Bill Summary

FILE NUMBER: H.F. 1632
Version: As introduced

DATE: March 19, 2015

Authors: Backer

Subject: Minnesota State Council on Disability

Analyst: Danyell A. Punelli

This publication can be made available in alternative formats upon request. Please call 651-296-6753 (voice); or the Minnesota State Relay Service at 1-800-627-3529 (TTY) for assistance. Summaries are also available on our website at: www.house.mn/hrd/.

Overview

This bill appropriates money to the Minnesota State Council on Disability.

The Council on Disability consists of 17 members appointed by the governor. Duties of the council include: (1) to advise and otherwise aid the governor; appropriate state agencies, including but not limited to the Departments of Education, Human Services, Employment and Economic Development, and Human Rights and the Divisions of Rehabilitation Services and Services for the Blind; the state legislature; and the public on matters pertaining to public policy and the administration of programs, services, and facilities for persons who have a disability in Minnesota; (2) to encourage and assist in the development of coordinated, interdepartmental goals and objectives and the coordination of programs, services and facilities among all state departments and private providers of service as they relate to persons with a disability; (3) to serve as a source of information to the public regarding all services, programs, and legislation pertaining to persons with a disability; (4) to review and make comment to the governor, state agencies, the legislature, and the public concerning adequacy of state programs, plans, and budgets for services to persons with a disability and for funding under the various federal grant programs; (5) to research, formulate, and advocate plans, programs, and policies which will serve the needs of persons who are disabled; (6) to advise the Departments of Labor and Industry and Employment and Economic Development on the administration and improvement of the workers' compensation law as it relates to programs, facilities and personnel providing assistance to workers who are injured and disabled; (7) to advise the Workers' Compensation Division of the Department of Labor and

Section

Industry and the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals as to the necessity and extent of any alteration or remodeling of an existing residence or the building or purchase of a new or different residence which is proposed by a licensed architect; (8) to initiate or seek to intervene as a party in any administrative proceeding and judicial review thereof to protect and advance the right of all persons who are disabled to an accessible physical environment; and (9) to initiate or seek to intervene as a party in any administrative or judicial proceeding which concerns programs or services provided by public or private agencies or organizations and which directly affects the legal rights of persons with a disability.

- 1** **Appropriation; Minnesota State Council on Disability.** Appropriates \$181,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$147,000 in fiscal year 2017 from the general fund to the Minnesota State Council on Disability. Adds a portion of the funds to the base. Lists the uses of the funds.