Testimony Department of Human Services Human Services Committee Representative Alon Wieland, Chairman May 30, 2012

Chairman Wieland and members of the Human Services Committee, I am JoAnne Hoesel, Director of the Division of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services, for the Department of Human Services (Department). I am here today to provide preliminary findings and recommendations concerning the regional autism spectrum disorder centers of early intervention and achievement pilot program pursuant to 2011 Senate Bill 2268.

Senate Bill 2268 states that during the 2011-13 biennium, the Department may use up to \$200,000 of funding from its legislative appropriation to establish and operate the regional autism spectrum disorder centers of early intervention and achievement pilot program.

The Department has not pursued the establishment of the regional autism spectrum disorder centers of early intervention and achievement pilot program due to not having available funds.

I am happy to answer any questions.