

**Testimony**  
**House Bill No. 1067**  
**Senate Human Services Committee**  
**Senator Lee, Chairman**  
March 10, 2025

Chairman Lee, and members of the Senate Human Services Committee, I am Krista Fremming, Assistant Director of Medical Services with the Department of Health and Human Services (Department). I appear before you in support of House Bill No. 1067, which was introduced at the request of the Department.

Section 1 of the bill was amended by the House Human Services committee. Section 1 directs the Department to disregard certain income for children who are enrolled in 1915(c) waivers, effective July 1, 2026. Social security survivor income and court-ordered child support will become disregarded income types for these children if the bill passes. The fiscal impact for this change is estimated to be \$62,724 for the 25-27 biennium and \$125,448 for the 27-29 biennium.

Section 2 of the bill increases the age limit for participation in the Medicaid children's autism and medically fragile waivers to age 20. Currently the age limit is 18. This change would enable children who are currently participating in the waiver to remain as participants at ages 19 and 20. If this change is not made, 23 children will age out of these waivers in the coming biennium. The transition period from youth into adulthood is critical, and disruption of services and supports for these young adults would make the transition more challenging. There is no fiscal impact associated with this change, as there are a set number of

waiver slots each year, and each slot is funded in the Department's cost to continue budget.

Section 3 of the bill is requesting a delayed effective date to allow the Department time to update the necessary systems and processes.

This concludes my testimony. I would be happy to try to answer any questions the committee may have. Thank you.