

SENATE COMMITTEE OF REFERENCE REPORT

Chair of Committee

April 14, 2026
Date

Committee on Appropriations.

After consideration on the merits, the Committee recommends the following:

HB26-1374 be amended as follows, and as so amended, be referred to the Committee of the Whole with favorable recommendation:

- 1 Amend reengrossed bill, page 2, strike line 3 and substitute "(2), (3),
2 (6)(a) introductory portion, (6)(a)(I), and (6)(a)(II) as follows:".
- 3 Page 2, line 7, strike "CERTIFIED kinship" and substitute "Kinship".
- 4 Page 2, line 20, strike "CERTIFIED".
- 5 Page 3, strike lines 9 through 23 and substitute "FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE
6 AND SUPPORTS FOR NON-CERTIFIED KINSHIP CARE.
7 (6) (a) On or before August 1, 2025, and every August 1 thereafter
8 until August 1, 2030, the state department shall submit a report to the
9 joint budget committee on the implementation of ~~non-certified~~ kinship
10 care homes, the impacts to the number of placements with kinship foster
11 care homes, and the impacts on county departments of human or social
12 services in their ability to support providers. The state department shall
13 submit data provided by county departments of human and social services
14 as a supplement to the report. The report must include:
15 (I) The impacts of financial assistance on the certification and
16 recruitment of kin families and the trends of kin's choices to become
17 certified; ~~or non-certified~~;
18 (II) The workload changes for county caseworkers associated with
19 supporting kin pursuant to this section; ~~both certified and non-certified~~;
20 and".
- 21 Page 4, line 8, strike "CERTIFIED".
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23 Page 4, strike lines 13 through 27.

- 1 Page 5, strike lines 1 through 19 and substitute:
- 2 **"SECTION 3. Effective date.** This act takes effect July 1, 2026."
- 3 Renumber succeeding section accordingly.

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