
OLR Bill Analysis

sSB 87 (File 450, as amended by Senate "A")*

AN ACT ESTABLISHING A NONPROFIT PROVIDER ADVISORY BOARD, PROHIBITING AUTO INSURANCE PENALTIES ON VOLUNTEER DRIVERS PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION TO NONPROFIT ORGANIZATIONS AND REDUCING THE TIME PERIOD IN WHICH INSURERS MAY RECOUP PAYMENTS FROM PROVIDERS.

SUMMARY

This bill establishes a 23-member Nonprofit Provider Advisory Board within the Office of Policy and Management (OPM), to advise and make recommendations on nonprofit service delivery, financial viability, and funding opportunities, among other things.

The bill also prohibits auto insurers from refusing to renew a motor vehicle policy or increasing the rate, including by assigning a surcharge on a premium, solely because the vehicle operator (or someone who customarily operates the vehicle insured under the policy) is a volunteer driver who provides services, such as transporting people or goods to nonprofit or charitable organizations without compensation above expenses.

*Senate Amendment "A" (1) makes changes to the advisory board's membership and duties, generally requiring the governor to appoint members rather than legislative leaders and (2) removes provisions in the underlying bill that restrict when health carriers can retroactively deny or recoup payment for clean claims.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage, except the provision on insurance for volunteer drivers is effective January 1, 2027.

NONPROFIT PROVIDER ADVISORY BOARD

Advisory Board Purpose and Duties

The bill establishes the advisory board within OPM to advise the

governor and OPM on:

1. areas to improve access to and delivery of nonprofit provider services;
2. opportunities to collaborate across state agencies that promote nonprofit provider effectiveness and efficiency and streamline state processes, including opportunities to adjust state agency processes and contract expectations to achieve beneficial outcomes for providers and state residents;
3. recommendations on short- and long-term strategies to enhance nonprofit organizations' financial viability, including through payment reform models, based on best practices;
4. a recommendation for a standardized workforce data collection system for nonprofit organizations to measure and compare impact across private provider services; and
5. short- and long-range opportunities, issues, and gaps for nonprofit providers that may result from changes in federal funding or policies.

Advisory Board Membership and Appointments

The bill requires the governor to appoint the following 12 members, who serve terms that align with the governor's term:

1. a nonprofit behavioral health care provider who contracts with the Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services;
2. a nonprofit children's behavioral health care provider who contracts with the Department of Children and Families;
3. a nonprofit homeless services provider who contracts with the Department of Housing;
4. a nonprofit service provider for people with intellectual disabilities who contracts with the Department of Developmental Services (DDS);

5. a nonprofit provider serving people with co-occurring intellectual or developmental disabilities and behavioral health care needs who contracts with DDS or the Department of Social Services;
6. a nonprofit community justice services provider who contracts with the Department of Correction;
7. the chief executive officer of a state-wide association of community nonprofits, or the officer's designee; and
8. five at-large appointments.

The advisory board also includes the following 11 ex-officio members or their designees:

1. the OPM secretary;
2. the commissioners of children and families, correction, developmental services, early childhood, housing, labor, mental health and addiction services, public health, aging and disability services, and social services; and
3. the Court Support Services Division's executive director.

The governor must designate an appointee to serve as the advisory board's chairperson.

COMMITTEE ACTION

Human Services Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 15 Nay 7 (03/19/2026)

Appropriations Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 47 Nay 6 (04/17/2026)