
OLR Bill Analysis

HB 5301

AN ACT EXCLUDING SPOUSAL INCOME FROM CERTAIN RENT, FEE AND COST-SHARING CALCULATIONS RELATING TO HOME AND COMMUNITY-BASED SERVICES.

SUMMARY

This bill requires the Department of Social Services (DSS) commissioner to seek a federal Medicaid waiver or amend the state Medicaid plan to exclude from any income-based eligibility determinations income earned by a person who provides more than 25% of daily care for his or her spouse, if that spouse has applied for or is receiving home and community-based services under a Medicaid waiver program.

The bill specifies the commissioner must only do so if allowed by federal law and to the extent a waiver or amendment is needed. Currently, when someone receives home- and community-based services under a Medicaid waiver, DSS does not consider the person's spouse's income available for the person's care (Uniform Policy Manual (UPM) 5020.75).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2026

COMMITTEE ACTION

Aging Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 14 Nay 0 (03/05/2026)