



**DOUGLAS COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
WORK SESSION**

**Monday, October 30, 2023
(In Office and Remote)**

A G E N D A

(Times listed are estimates and may fluctuate depending
on length of discussion.)

Time*

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| 1:00 p.m. | Child Welfare Interim Committee Recap |
| 1:30 p.m. | 2024 Budget Discussion – External Organization
Funding |



DATE: OCTOBER 27, 2023
TO: DOUGLAS J. DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER
FROM: DAN MAKELKY, DIRECTOR OF HUMAN SERVICES
RE: THE CHILD WELFARE INTERIM COMMITTEE RECAP

The Child Welfare System Interim Study Committee had their final meeting on Wednesday, October 26, 2023. This was a culmination of monthly all-day meetings held throughout the summer. State, county, professionals, and parents all presented on ways to improve the Child Welfare System. The Committee asked for bill ideas that could have an immediate impact on the children and families we serve. Ten bills were presented with the counties focusing on three. All three of the county's top priority bills moved forward. The other bills adopted were amended to address county concerns. The five bills they voted to move forward to the Legislative Council are:

Bill #1 as amended: Kinship Foster Care Homes (*County Priority Bill)

Committee Vote: 11-0

Prime Sponsors: Sen. Zenzinger, Sen. Kirkmeyer, Rep. Pugliese, Rep. Young (will start in Senate)

Amendment- attached. Sen. Zenzinger will continue working on technical amendments as needed to ensure and clarify that the 90/10 reimbursement would be for both kinship foster and noncertified kinship, which is exempt from the close-out process.

Bill #2 as amended: Children's Behavioral Health Statewide System of Care (*County Priority Bill)

Committee Vote: 11-0

Prime Sponsors: Sen. Kirkmeyer, Sen. Michaelson-Jenet, Rep Duran, Rep Pugliese (start in the Senate)

Bill #5: High-Acuity Crisis for Children and Youth (*County Priority Bill)

Committee Vote: 11-0

Prime Sponsors: Rep. Young, Rep. Bradley, Sen. Kirkmeyer, Sen. Fields (start in the House)

No amendments

Bill #6 as amended: Accessibility for Persons in Child Welfare Matters- amended to focus solely on Language Access

Committee Vote: 10-1

Prime Sponsors: Rep. Joseph, Rep. Bradley, Sen. Kirkmeyer, Sen. Michaelson-Jenet (start in the House)

Bill #7 as amended: Concerning Measures to Enhance Child Welfare System Tools

Committee Vote: 11-0

Prime Sponsors: Sen. Kolker, Rep. Duran, Rep. Evans (start in the House)

The bills now move to the Legislative Council to move forward during session. The Committee will also move forward a letter to the Joint Technology Committee re Trails.

Agenda Item

DATE: OCTOBER 30, 2023
TO: DOUGLAS COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
FROM: DOUG DEBORD, COUNTY MANAGER
SUBJECT: **2024 BUDGET DISCUSSION – EXTERNAL ORGANIZATIONS FUNDING**

The Board will discuss the 2024 requests from external partners, programs, and organizations the County funds.