


<b>Date:</b> January 24, 2014	<b>POLICY BRIEF</b> PREPARED FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS	 OF NORTHERN LARIMER COUNTY
<b>Staff:</b> Dan Sapienza		

### [HB14-1051 – DEV DISABILITY SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN](#)

Concerning a strategic plan for enrolling all eligible persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities into programs at the time services and supports are needed...

#### **Bill Details**

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<b>Bill Title:</b>	DEV DISABILITY SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN - Concerning a strategic plan for enrolling all eligible persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities into programs at the time services and supports are needed, and, in connection therewith, requiring the department of health care policy and financing to develop and implement the strategic plan and to report annually on the number of persons waiting for services and supports.
<b>Bill Sponsors:</b>	House – Schafer (D) and Landgraf (R) and 8 others (including Rep. Ginal) Senate – Kefalas (D) and Crowder (R), Sen. Aguilar
<b>Committee:</b>	House Public Health Care and Human Services
<b>Bill History:</b>	01/08/2014 Introduced In House - Assigned to Public Health Care & Human Services
<b>Next Action:</b>	Hearing – House Public Health Care and Human Services – Tuesday, Jan. 28, 2014

#### **Bill Summary**

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The bill requires the department of health care policy and financing, by November 1, 2014, to develop a strategic plan to enroll eligible persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities in home- and community-based programs, services, and supports and eliminates the waitlist for those services. The strategic plan must include specific recommendations and annual benchmarks for achieving the enrollment goal by July 1, 2020. HCPF will submit the plan to the general assembly and present the plan at a joint budget committee hearing by December 1, 2014 and will make annual reports on progress after that.

#### **Background**

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After the failure of Amendment 51 in 2008 (state sales tax increase to eliminate waiting list failed 62.37% to 37.63%), the waiting list for services for people with intellectual or developmental disabilities has increased. In 2008, Alliance (Colorado Communities United for People with Developmental Disabilities) estimated that the average annual cost to eliminate the waiting list in 5 years would be approximately \$14 million from the General Fund.

#### **About this Summary**

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This summary was prepared by Health District of Northern Larimer County staff to assist the Health District Board of Directors in determining whether to take an official stand on various health-related issues. The Health District is a special district of the northern two-thirds of Larimer County, Colorado, supported by local property tax dollars and governed by a publicly elected five-member board. The Health District provides medical, mental health, dental, preventive and health planning services to the communities it serves. For more information about this summary or the Health District, please contact Dan Sapienza, Policy Coordinator, at (970) 224-5209, or e-mail at dsapienza@healthdistrict.org.