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Talking Points for SB 86 – Protection of Vulnerable Adults
Rules by Request of the Governor

- Financial exploitation of the elderly and other vulnerable adults is a growing problem.
- Victims of financial exploitation may not need a guardian, but may need assistance stopping immediate misuse or theft of their money.
- These victims find it difficult to access the courts and obtain prompt and inexpensive relief.
- With a temporary conservator, the vulnerable victim retains autonomy while receiving assistance.
- The ex parte relief from fraud procedure is similar to the existing domestic violence protection law, providing a means for vulnerable adults to independently obtain straightforward, expedited relief from immediate financial exploitation.
- SB 86 strengthens the laws against financial exploitation and enhances the ability to obtain emergency protection orders for seniors.
- The bill also improves the ability of those investigating reports of harm to obtain vital information in a timely manner, and will lead to better services and safety for vulnerable adults who are abused, neglected, or exploited and unable to protect their own interests.