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Change Summary for CSHB 96, from Version U to Version S

The House Finance Committee Substitute for CSHB 96 made several modifications to the proposed Pioneer Home Rate levels set out in Version U. There were three amendments that made the following changes:

The following changes reflect an increase in the monthly income a resident may keep for personal expenses and incidental costs of living, to show an increase in the cost of living.

Page 1, Line 6: Section 1 (b): Changed \$200 to \$500.

Page 2, Line 14: Section 2(d)(1): Changed \$200 to \$500.

The following three changes reflect a more accurate accounting of inflation from 2004-present for the Pioneer Home monthly rates.

Page 3, Line 23: Section 5 (f) 1: Changed \$3,100 to \$2,976.

Page 3, Line 25: Section 5 (f) 2: Changed \$6,090 to \$5,396.

Page 3, Line 31: Section 5 (f) 3: Changed \$8,833 to \$8,500.

The following two changes reflect an increase of the respite care and daily living rates that more accurately reflect the needs of the Pioneer Home for those services.

Page 4, Line 9: Section 5 (f) (6): Changed \$70 to \$160.

Page 4, Line 14: Section 5 (f) (7): Changed \$100 to \$322.

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Change Summary for HB 96, from Version M to Version U

The House State Affairs Committee Substitute for HB 96 made several modifications to the proposed Pioneer Home Rate levels set out in Version M, reflecting five levels of care, and changed the index of inflation to the Social Security cost of living adjustment, the preferred indicator of the Pioneer Homes currently.

Section 5 (f) 1: Changed \$2,588 to \$3,100 Section 5 (f) 2: Changed \$4,692 to \$6,090 Section 5 (f) 3: Changed \$6,795 to \$8,833

Section 5 (f) 4: added a new subsection to reflect the proposed Level IV tier of care:

(4) \$10,000 a month for the provision of housing, meals, emergency assistance, medication administration, medication management, health related services, recreation, assistance with activities of daily living and nursing services for 24 hours a day, and intermittent behavior management.

Section 5 (f) 5: added a new subsection to reflect the proposed Level V tier of care:

(5) a monthly rate the department considers sufficient to compensate the state for the cost of care and support of the person at the home for the provision of housing, meals, emergency assistance, medication administration, medication management, health related services, recreation, assistance with activities of daily living and nursing services for 24 hours a day, and extensive behavior management.

Section 5 (g): Replaced Consumer Price Index from the Alaska Dept of Labor Anchorage Metro area with the Social Security Cost of Living Adjustment. This is the preferred metric for the Division of Pioneer Homes.