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Research Analysis

The engrossed version of SB 658 prohibits the Department of Human Services from requiring any current or prospective adoptive or foster parent to affirm, accept, or support any government policy regarding sexual orientation or gender identity that conflict's with the parent's sincerely held beliefs as a condition to adopt or foster. The measure also prohibits DHS from denying a current or prospective adoptive or foster parent any authorization based, in whole or in parr, on the parent's sincerely held beliefs or intent to raise a child consistent with those beliefs regarding sexual orientation or gender identity. The measure prohibits DHS from establishing or enforcing any standard that precludes consideration of a adoptive or foster parent for any particular placement based on the parent's held beliefs regarding sexual orientation or gender identity. Nothing in this measure will preclude the Department from taking into account the child's of their family or origin's beliefs regarding sexual orientation and gender identity when determining the best placement for a child. Nothing in this measure will be construed to prohibit or relieve the Department of its duty to make each placement consistent with the best interests of the child.

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Fiscal Analysis

SB 658 provides clarification on specific actions that the Department of Human Services is prohibited from taking with respect to adoptive and foster parents. In its current form, SB 658 is not anticipated to have a direct fiscal impact on the state budget or appropriations.

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Other Considerations

None.