

HJR 50: Senior and Long-Term Care Division

HJR 50 asks that the Committee study matters related to the Senior and Long-Term Care Division of the Department of Public Health and Human Services. The Committee decided to devote a significant amount of time to the study. The table below shows the study activities listed in the resolution and the estimated amount of Committee time required to fully carry out each task.

Study Task	Meeting Date	Committee Time
1. Review access to the Community First Choice Program, the Personal Assistance Services Program, and the Big Sky Waiver	September or November 2019	1.5 hours
2. Examine barriers preventing individuals from accessing services and preventing the division from fully using funds appropriated for the Big Sky Waiver, including workforce issues and Medicaid reimbursement rates	September or November 2019	2.5 hours
3. Review changes to the division's policies and interpretations of policy, including how the changes have affected the level of services provided under the Community First Choice and Personal Assistance Services programs and the Big Sky Waiver	November 2019 through January 2020	1.5 hours
4. Examine the manner in which waiver slots are created and filled, including the process used to maintain the waiting list and select people for services when openings occur	September 2019	1 hour
5. Examine the status of cuts that were made in services during the 2019 biennium and the manner in which DPHHS used funds that were restored to the agency under Senate Bill 9 from the 2017 special session	January 2020	1.5 hours
6. Examine access to aging services programs for seniors of all ages	January and March 2020	2 hours
7. Study other matters as determined by the committee, including matters related to the Uniform Guardianship, Conservatorship, and Other Protective Arrangements Act if appropriate	January and March 2020	2 hours
8. Review information, make recommendations, develop legislation as necessary	January through August 2020	8 hours
	Total	20 hours