

DISABILITY OMBUDSMAN PROGRAM

2022 GENERAL SESSION

STATE OF UTAH

Chief Sponsor: Jennifer Dailey-Provost

Senate Sponsor: Todd D. Weiler

LONG TITLE

General Description:

This bill creates a disability ombudsman program.

Highlighted Provisions:

This bill:

- ▶ defines terms;
- ▶ requires the Division of Services for People with Disabilities (division) to appoint a disability ombudsman;
- ▶ describes the powers and duties of the disability ombudsman;
- ▶ requires the disability ombudsman to keep certain records confidential;
- ▶ provides that the disability ombudsman is only required to testify in court regarding confidential records under certain circumstances; and
- ▶ requires the division to make administrative rules regarding certain duties of the disability ombudsman.

Money Appropriated in this Bill:

This bill appropriates in fiscal year 2023:

- ▶ to Department of ~~H→~~ **Health and** ~~←H~~ Human Services -- ~~H→~~ [~~Division of Services for People with Disabilities~~] **Long-Term Services and Supports** ~~←H~~ -- ~~H→~~ [~~Disability Ombudsman Program~~] **Services for People with Disabilities** ~~←H~~ , as an ongoing appropriation:
 - from General Fund, \$143,000.

Other Special Clauses:

None



121 (3) Neither the ombudsman nor the ombudsman's designee may be required to testify in
122 court with respect to confidential matters, except as the court finds necessary to enforce this
123 part.

124 Section 6. **Appropriation.**

125 The following sums of money are appropriated for the fiscal year beginning July 1,
126 2022, and ending June 30, 2023. These are additions to amounts previously appropriated for
127 fiscal year 2023. Under the terms and conditions of Title 63J, Chapter 1, Budgetary Procedures
128 Act, the Legislature appropriates the following sums of money from the funds or accounts
129 indicated for the use and support of the government of the state of Utah.

130 ITEM 1

131 To Department of ~~H~~→ **Health and** ←~~H~~ Human Services -- ~~H~~→ [Division of Services for
131a Disabilities] Long-Term Services and Supports ←~~H~~

132 From General Fund \$143,000

133 Schedule of Programs:

134 ~~H~~→ [Disability Ombudsman Program] Services for People with
134a Disabilities ←~~H~~ \$143,000

135 The Legislature intends that the appropriations under this item be used for the disability
136 ombudsman program described in Title 62A, Chapter 5, Part 5, Disability Ombudsman
137 Program.