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Sponsor(s): Representatives Edwards, Pflug, Cody and Skinner

Brief Description: Stating legislative findings on boarding home regulation.

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Finds that licensed boarding homes are an essential component of home and community-based services, and that the noninstitutional nature of this care setting must be preserved and protected by ensuring a regulatory structure that focuses on the actual care and services provided to residents, consumer satisfaction, and continuous quality improvement.

Declares that the state's regulations for licensed boarding homes must be outcome based and designed to encourage individual dignity, autonomy, and choice and to foster affordable residential care.

Finds that consumers should be afforded access to affordable long-term care services in licensed boarding homes and believes that care delivery must remain responsive to consumer preferences, not regulatory dictated service and care levels that drive costs and eliminate choice. Residents and consumers in licensed boarding homes should be afforded the right to self-direct care, and this right should be reflected in the rules governing licensed boarding homes.