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### Medigap Helpline Modification (Insurance)

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#### CURRENT LAW

The Board on Aging and Long-Term Care (BOALTC) operates the Medigap Helpline, which provides individuals with free information and assistance on Medicare and supplemental health insurance coverage. The Medigap Helpline is supported with insurance fee revenue the Office of the Commissioner of Insurance (OCI) transfers to BOALTC and federal grant funds BOALTC receives from the U.S. Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services.

The amount of insurance fee revenue OCI transfers to BOALTC to support the Helpline is budgeted as part of OCI's general program operations appropriation. OCI's base budget includes \$448,000 PR annually to support the Helpline.

#### GOVERNOR

Reduce the amount of funding budgeted in OCI to support the Medigap Helpline by \$121,800 annually.

#### MODIFICATION

Increase OCI's budget by \$147,400 PR annually to correct the amount of funding in the bill that would be budgeted in OCI to support the Helpline. With this change, OCI fee revenue that supports the Helpline would increase by \$25,600 PR annually, compared to the base funding amount.

**Explanation:** Under the bill, BOALTC would be budgeted \$473,600 PR from OCI fee revenue to support the Helpline. However, OCI would be budgeted \$326,200 PR annually to fund the transfer to BOALTC. The Department of Administration requested this change to ensure that OCI has sufficient expenditure authority to transfer

the amount of insurance fee revenue assumed in the Governor's budget to support BOALTC's Helpline.

	<b>Change to Bill Funding</b>
PR	\$294,800

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