

## S.F. No. 1015 – Disability waiver rate system modification

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**S.F. 1015** makes six changes to the Disability Waiver Rate System (DWRS).

**Sections 1, 3, 6 and 7** remove respite services from DWRS, which will result in market rates for respite services.

**Section 2** modifies scheduled updates to the base wage index by both moving forward the next two updates by 11 months and 18 months respectively, and by using the most recently available wage data at the time of these and all future base wage adjustments.

**Section 3** sets a floor for the base wage for supervision staff at 130% of the total wage for the supervised service. Section 3 also modifies the base wage calculation for employment exploration services staff to equal the base wage for employment development services.

**Section 4** modifies scheduled updates to the standard component values by both moving forward the next two updates by 11 months and 18 months respectively and by using the more recent dates to calculate the percent change in the CPI-U that is used to calculate the update to the factors.

**Section 5** fully implements the competitive workforce factor beginning January 1, 2024, updates the CWF one year later, and then continues updates every 2 years thereafter.