

March 26, 2025

Re: Support for SF 2546-Seeberger: High-fidelity wraparound grants establishment; mental health services for incarcerated youth authorization; appropriating money

Dear Chair and Members,

As Ombudsperson for Corrections, I write to express my support of SF 2546. This bill provides for critical resources for youth who are most at risk and are most in need of additional mental health supports. Our office regularly sees situations where youth need these services and where detention facilities need additional assistance to provide this level of services.

It is vital to deliver both mental health services to youth in detention, and then also provide wrap-around support to them during their return to home and community. This level of services provides stability and continuity, will address significant needs, and provide critical, long-term, cost saving interventions.

In support of the essential needs for vulnerable youth, I ask that you support SF 2546.

Sincerely,



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Ombudsperson for Corrections