

**Subject:** Human Services comments on Sect 18 revised

Dear fellow chairs,

On a straw poll vote of 9-2, the House Human Services Committee supports the revised language re Section 18 proposed by House Corrections and Institutions in draft 3.1.

For your information, the two no votes were based on:

1. In section 2c- importance of commitment to keeping youth in VT or in an adjoining state where families/supportive community members can visit/be involved...and wanting language to reflect that and
2. in section A1 the concern with not having treatment added between secure and facility allows DCF and DOC to potentially use a correctional facility for those who are 18 and older.

We appreciate that the Human Services Committee was given the opportunity to comment.

Best  
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