



[HF 2577](#) – Guardianships, Hospice and End-of-Life Care and Decisions (LSB6282HV)
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Description

[House File 2577](#) relates to end-of-life care under guardianships of adults by specifying what is included as a decision regarding a protected person’s health, including end-of-life decisions, for court-ordered guardians.

Background

Established in Iowa Code chapter [231E](#), the Office of Public Guardian (OPG) may act as an individual’s guardian, conservator, or representative payee. Under current law, a court may grant a guardian the ability to make decisions regarding the care, maintenance, health, education, welfare, and safety of the protected person except as otherwise limited by the court, which the guardian may exercise thereafter without prior court approval.

Assumptions

- The OPG anticipates increased costs of approximately \$25 per client, per month, for between 110 and 220 existing clients resulting in an annual cost increase between \$33,000 and \$66,000. These fees are paid to the OPG by the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS).
- The OPG anticipates an additional one to two applications for public guardianship services per month with an average case opening fee of \$2,500 and continuing costs of \$350 per month for an estimated annual cost increase between \$53,000 and \$106,000.
- The OPG anticipates increased call volumes to Adult Protective Services, the expense of which is expected to be absorbed within current operating expenses.

Fiscal Impact

The total fiscal impact of HF 2577 would be approximately \$129,000 per year in increased case costs to the HHS.

Sources

Department of Health and Human Services
Legislative Services Agency

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