



*Testimony before the Public Health Committee*

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Good morning, Senator Gerratana, Representative Ritter and distinguished members of the Public Health Committee. My name is Roderick Bremby and I am Commissioner of the Department of Social Services (DSS).

**S.B. No. 55 (RAISED) AN ACT EXPANDING THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE PHARMACEUTICAL AND THERAPEUTICS COMMITTEE.**

The Pharmaceutical and Therapeutics (P&T) Committee serves as advisor to the Department of Social Services in the establishment of a Preferred Drug List for our Medicaid program. The addition of a child psychiatrist to the P&T Committee is fully supported by the Department to enhance the current membership. The Department works closely with the Department of Children and Families to ensure coverage of DCF-preferred prescribing for children in foster care. Adding a child psychiatrist to the P&T Committee would strengthen the panel's expertise when considering and approving drugs which directly have an impact on children. Additionally, this measure would further advance the well-deserved professional reputation of the Committee as a group that provides thoughtful and thoroughly-considered guidance in a critical area of public health coverage.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify. I would be happy to answer questions you have.