OPRA, along with other stakeholders in the developmental disabilities field, had supported and submitted an amendment that was meant to address three issues.

Unfortunately, the amendment did not make it into the House bill despite carrying agreement of the Department of Developmental Disabilities, OPRA and other provider associations, and county boards. We did not hear any concerns from House members about this amendment, and we understand its omission was accidental.

The amendment addressed three issues:

1. Intermediate Care Facilities for Individuals with Intellectual Disabilities (ICF) Quality Measures: postpone and revise the quality measures that was set to determine a portion of the ICF rate in the future. The quality measures specified in last term’s HB 24 proved excessively burdensome and the payment methodology would have denied some providers money they are using to address the DSP crisis.
2. ICF Franchise Permit Fee: increase incentive funding for ICFs to support individuals with significant behavioral support needs from an increase in the ICF franchise permit fee.
3. Summary Suspension: streamline and clarify provisions in the bill on summary suspension of supported living services.