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Items Eligible for Consideration Recommendation for HB 5

It is the recommendation of the LSG to **vote no if there is a motion to concur with Senate amendments for HB 5**. HB 5, Amendment 8 makes it so single source continuum contractors (SSCC) who contract with DFPS as a foster placement are not subject to civil liabilities, including for purposes of injury or death of a child in a placement. Essentially giving SSCCs the same liability protection as the state. This amendment can lead to harmful outcomes for children, keeping liability to the SSCCs for their placement decisions is paramount in holding them accountable for ensuring placements are safe and secure. A child who is removed from their home, suffers a great amount of trauma from the removal alone, not to mention the reason for their removal. Placements that are not proven to be safe and reliable can compound trauma to the child. It should be absolutely necessary that SSCCs remain civilly liable for any and all placements of a child.

Should you have any questions concerning this recommendation please contact the LSG at Ana@Texaslsg.org or 210-382-4295.