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BY: Health Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 866
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**and Taveras**” and substitute “**, Taveras, Alston, Bagnall, Cullison, Guzzone, Hill, Hutchinson, S. Johnson, Kipke, Lopez, Martinez, Reilly, Rosenberg, Ross, White Holland, and Woorman**”; strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “**Workgroup for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing – Extension**”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “individuals” in line 6 and substitute “extending the deadline for the reporting requirement for the Workgroup for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing; extending the termination date of the Workgroup”; strike beginning with “case” in line 7 down through “Hearing” in line 8 and substitute “the Workgroup for the Deaf, Deafblind, and Hard of Hearing”; and strike in their entirety lines 9 through 13, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

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