

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed
Vote:	4 - 3 - 0
Yeas:	Barnhart, Holvey, Riley, Witt
Nays:	Dallum, Girod, Lim
Exc.:	0
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Meeting Dates:	4/18, 4/27, 4/30

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to annually prepare a report containing data on medical assistance and food stamp benefits. Requires DHS by March 1 of each year to submit the report to the Legislative Assembly and make it available on the DHS website. Authorizes DHS to adopt rules.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Experience of other states
- Process for gathering and analyzing information
- Privacy protections

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Replaces the original measure.

BACKGROUND: Several states, including Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Massachusetts and New Jersey, require state agencies to collect and report data on employers with employees who are beneficiaries of public assistance programs. HB 3252-A requires DHS to prepare a report listing the 40 employers doing business in the state with the greatest number of employees who receive medical assistance and food stamp benefits. DHS must also report the total number of employees for each employer, and whether the employer is unionized or non-unionized.