

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Placed on the Consent Calendar

Vote: 9 - 0 - 0

Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei

Nays: 0

Exc.: 0

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Meeting Dates: 3/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs the Department of Human Services to report to each regular session of the Legislature on staff workload, workload efficiency and staffing needs in the areas of child welfare, temporary assistance for needy families (TANF), nutritional assistance, vocational rehabilitation services, medical assistance and assistance to senior and disabled persons.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Need for a statutory reporting requirement
- Interconnectedness of services and local, state and federal requirements
- Costs of reporting
- Desired report format

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Adds the areas of medical assistance and assistance to senior and disabled persons to the reporting areas.

BACKGROUND: The Ways and Means subcommittee on Human Services directed the Children, Adults and Families (CAF) Division, Department of Human Services (DHS) to study, with the intention of more accurately gauging the amount of work required to administer services under current and anticipated caseloads. Several of the studies have been completed but to remain current each workload model must be regularly updated. The reporting requirement will facilitate systemic reporting. With this focused attention DHS asserts that prioritization of staffing, administrative and budget requirements will be simplified.