

**REVENUE:** No revenue impact

**FISCAL:** Fiscal statement issued

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<b>Action:</b>	Do Pass With Amendments to the A-Engrossed Measure and Be Printed B-Engrossed
<b>Vote:</b>	5 - 0 - 0
<b>Yeas:</b>	Kruse, Monnes Anderson, Telfer, Verger, Morrisette
<b>Nays:</b>	0
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<b>Meeting Dates:</b>	5/4, 5/27

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:** Directs the Department of Human Services to report to each relevant committee of the regular session of the Legislative Assembly on staff workload, workload efficiency, staffing needs, position vacancies and double-filled positions in the areas of child welfare, temporary assistance for needy families, nutritional assistance, vocational rehabilitation services, medical assistance and assistance to senior and disabled persons.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Need for statutory requirement for departments to implement and track workload efficiencies
- Need for unfilled positions to be specified to Legislative Assembly in report by department
- Potential new amendment discussion
- Basis for department indicating no fiscal impact to implement measure
- Need for transparency by department in material contained in submitted report

**EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:** Specifies that the department shall report to all legislative relevant committees data regarding department employees in specific classified positions, including position vacancies and double-filled positions.

**BACKGROUND:** The Ways and Means subcommittee on Human Services directed the Children, Adults and Families Division of the 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.

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