

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action: Do Pass as Amended and Be Printed Engrossed and Be Referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by Prior Reference
Vote: 9 - 0 - 0
Yeas: Boone, Cowan, Dembrow, Freeman, Huffman, Maurer, Olson, VanOrman, Tomei
Nays: 0
Exc.: 0
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Meeting Dates: 4/3, 4/15

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Establishes the Poverty Solutions Fund with monies appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department for distribution to the community action agency network to serve the anti-poverty purposes of the network. Provides for an indeterminate appropriation. Declares an emergency.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- At request of community action team
- Fits the new paradigm of spending – get the most bang for the buck
- Key to leveraging private funds
- Address causes and conditions of poverty – great deal of accountability

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: Renames the fund the Poverty Solutions Fund and removes the specific appropriation.

BACKGROUND: Community Service Block Grants are federal funds distributed to local communities through a network of Community Action Agencies. The funds provide a variety of services depending on local community needs including emergency rent assistance, veterans housing and disaster relief. HB 2905 would allocate state funds for distribution through the existing agencies. Proponents assert that public and private matching funds may be available for this program.