

REVENUE: No revenue impact

FISCAL: Fiscal statement issued

Action:	Do Pass the A-Engrossed Measure
Vote:	3 - 0 - 2
Yeas:	Kruse, Morse, Monnes Anderson
Nays:	0
Exc.:	Bates, Shields
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Meeting Dates:	5/18

WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to coordinate with other state agencies and local governments to find ways to reduce administrative and resource burdens on human services providers. Requires DHS to evaluate success of implemented processes and forms and report to the Seventy-seventh Legislative Assembly. Requires DHS to appoint a work group to review state reporting requirements. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Reduction in reimbursement rates to human services providers
- Current inefficiencies and cost to providers
- Burden of paperwork and effect on outcomes

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT: No amendment.

BACKGROUND: State funded human service programs are subject to multiple, often redundant, audits by various state authorities. These audits can have duplicative site visits and overlap in the documentation that providers must supply.

House Bill 2856-A directs DHS to work with other state agencies to reduce these redundancies. This streamlining includes: (a) uniform audit requirements; (b) uniform reporting forms; and (c) information sharing between DHS, state agencies and local governments.