

PRELIMINARY STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

CARRIER:

Senate Committee on Human Services and Early Childhood

REVENUE: No revenue impact**FISCAL: Minimal fiscal impact, no statement issued****SUBSEQUENT REFERRAL TO: None****Action:****Vote:**

Yeas:

Nays:

Exc.:

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES: Directs Department of Human Services to convene work group to examine consolidating applications for services. Requires report to Legislature by September 15, 2016. Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Numerous, duplicative applications and intake processes across entities
- Identical base information on every application, with variations in eligibility criteria
- Paperwork itself as a barrier
- Cumulative administrative and processing costs
- Amount of time to complete applications; amount of time to review applications
- Analogous to “preemptive eligibility”
- Navigating confidentiality issues
- Appropriateness/logic of adding Department of Transportation to work group

EFFECT OF COMMITTEE AMENDMENT:

[-A2 amendment] Adds Department of Transportation to work group.

BACKGROUND: Individuals seeking assistance from the Department of Human Services (DHS) are typically eligible for more than one program, and may be required to complete multiple applications. House Bill 2219-A requires DHS to convene a work group to look at ways to reduce duplicative paperwork and administrative costs and report to the Legislature.

House Committee: 8 – 0 – 1

House Floor: 60 – 0 – 0