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## **Measure Description:**

Establishes Homeownership Repair and Rehabilitation Program within Housing and Community Services Department to provide grants to eligible nonprofit organizations to provide financial assistance to persons in low income households for repair and rehabilitation of residences.

## Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department

## Analysis:

The bill establishes the Home Homeownership Repair and Rehabilitation Program Fund and all moneys in the fund are continuously appropriated to the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) for the purpose of awarding grants to nonprofit organizations, that provide grants, loans of other financial assistance to low-income households for the repair and rehabilitation their residences.Grant recipients must enter into an agreement with HCSD that, at a minimum, indicate the purpose for which the grant funds may be used for; limit the amount of assistance provided to each low-income household to \$25,000; limit the administrative fees to 5% of the total grant funds awarded; limit the program delivery costs to 15% of the total grant funds awarded; include repayment provisions if the grant recipient is to be out of compliance with the program; permit HCSD to conduct audits of the organization; and require the organization to submit annual reports.

The bill appropriates \$10 million General Fund to HCSD in the 2017-19 biennium for the purpose of funding the provisions of the bill. Moneys in the Homeownership Repair and Rehabilitation Program Fund are permitted to be used by HCSD to fund administrative expenses associated with the bill. Funding for future biennia is undetermined and will be subject to the amount appropriated by the Legislative Assembly. A more complete fiscal analysis on the bill, associated with HCSD administrative costs, will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.