

**HB 2741 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY**

**House Committee On Human Services and Housing**

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**Action Date:** 04/06/17

**Action:** Do pass and be referred to Ways and Means by prior reference

**Vote:** 8-0-1-0

**Yeas:** 8 - Keny-Guyer, Meek, Nearman, Noble, Olson, Piluso, Sanchez, Stark

**Exc:** 1 - Gorsek

**Fiscal:** Fiscal impact issued

**Revenue:** No revenue impact

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**WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:**

Appropriates \$500,000 from General Fund to Housing and Community Services Department for deposit into the Wildfire Damage Housing Relief Account. Declares emergency, effective July 1, 2017.

**ISSUES DISCUSSED:**

- Overview of the Wildfire Damage Housing Relief Account
- Difficulties obtaining insurance in wildfire-prone areas
- Rebuilding and repairing after a wildfire

**EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:**

No amendment.

**BACKGROUND:**

The Wildfire Damage Housing Relief Account Program was established by legislation in 2015. This program assists lower income households that suffer a loss of housing due to wildfire. Households accessing the funds must have an annual income at or less than 75 percent of the federal poverty level and the home must be the household's primary residence. If approved, households may receive a maximum of \$5,000 in grants to repair or replace damage caused by a wildfire.

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