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## Measure Description:

Establishes Early Childhood Equity Innovation Fund.

## Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Education (ODE)

## Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Early Childhood and Family Supports to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The measure establishes the Early Childhood Equity Fund to provide grants to culturally specific early learning, early childhood, and parent support programs. The grant program will be administered by the Early Learning Division (ELD), within the Department of Education. The ELD is directed to conduct biennial evaluations of the grant program and to report to the legislature each odd numbered year on the status of the grants made to programs under the bill and the results of the evaluations. The bill appropriates $\$ 2.50$ million General Fund, in the 2017-19 biennium, for the purpose of making grants and supporting ELD administration costs for the program.

The measure will have an impact on the Department of Education associated with the accounting and administration of the grant program; these costs will vary depending on the estimated quantity of grants administered and may require an additional position. Furthermore, the assumed complexity of the evaluation of the grant program and biennial reporting will need to be determined in order to estimate if this workload can be completed by ODE staff or if it would be more economical for a third-party contractor to provide these services. A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.
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