

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: SB 1529 - MRB

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Measure Description:

Updates connection date to federal Internal Revenue Code and other provisions of federal tax law.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Administrative Services (DAS), Department of Revenue (DOR), Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

Costs related to the measure may require budgetary action - See analysis.

Department of Human Services

	2017-19 Biennium	2019-21 Biennium
General Fund - Staffing	\$0	\$47,571,213
Federal Funds	0	12,367,388
Total Funds	\$0	\$59,938,601
Positions	0	321
FTE	0.00	321.00

Analysis:

The measure updates the connection to the federal Internal Revenue Code. It also disconnects from federal provisions relating to the corporate tax on funds repatriated. This disconnection is anticipated to generate \$140 million for the General Fund. The MRB amendment distributes the increase in revenues as follows:

- \$50 million to Department of Human Services (DHS) for the purpose of stabilizing the child welfare division through the funding of a rapid response team;
- \$2 million to the Department of Administrative Services (DAS) for local Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) programs; and
- The remainder to the Rainy Day Fund.

Department of Human Services

The Department does not currently have a formal rapid response team as described in the bill, but would look at options to develop one pending availability of the funding in 2019-21. However, under a plan that fits into the funding level and is drawn from identified program gaps, the Child Welfare Division of DHS would hire 186 field staff to address workload issues; 112 positions, including 5 limited duration, to implement and maintain the centralized screening hotline; and 28 positions to support the new Community Development Coordinators. The Community Development Coordinator positions will focus on community engagement and active participation for Diligent Recruitment, Retention and Support of current and prospective foster families.

The package would require ongoing funding to sustain this effort to stabilize and improve the foster care system.

Department of Administrative Services

The Department of Administrative Services will need \$2 million of Other Funds limitation to distribute the CASA funds.

Department of Revenue

There is minimal fiscal impact to the Department of Revenue.