

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2508

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Measure Description:

Requires Department of Human Services to award grants to refugee resettlement agencies to provide specified services to refugees.

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund		
Special Payments	4,250,000	0
Total Funds	\$4,250,000	\$0

Analysis:

HB 2508 appropriates \$4,250,000 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to award grants to refugee resettlement agencies. These awards are intended to supplement funding received by the United States Department of State to provide specified services to assist refugees for up to 24months following their date of arrival in the United States.

Under current practice, DHS funds refugee services with federal funds. With passage of this bill, DHS would have the authority to use state General Fund for refugee services, mitigating the impact of a reduction in federal funding, on both refugees and resettlement agencies.