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Measure: HB 2802 - A

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Measure Description:

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

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD)

Analysis:

This fiscal impact statement is for the purpose of transmitting the measure from the House Committee on Human Services and Housing to the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.

The legislation creates two new programs within the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD). The first program is the Home Repair and Rehabilitation Program, designed to provide grants to eligible entities with programs that provide financial assistance to low income households to repair and rehabilitate their residences. A \$13 million General Fund appropriation, is provided in the 2019-21 biennium for deposit into the Home Repair and Rehabilitation Program Fund, for the purpose of awarding grants to entities with homeownership assistance programs, and paying for HCSD’s administrative expenses associated with the Program. Each biennium, 50 percent of the funds available less HCSD administration costs must be paid to the Community Action Agency Network to provide loans, grants or other financial assistance to eligible low-income households for the repair and rehabilitation of their residences.

The second program created in the measure is the Healthy Homes Program which develops methods for addressing home health hazards through no-interest loans to eligible organizations for the purpose of preventing and reducing hazards for low-income households. A \$2 million General Fund appropriation, is provided in the 2019-21 biennium for deposit into the into the Healthy Homes Revolving Fund for the purpose of paying HCSD administrative expenses associated with the Program, and for awarding loans to eligible entities.

Further Analysis Required

Contracted assistance as well as positions within HCSD will be required to implement this legislation, including workload associated with rulemaking, development of policies/procedures, management and oversight of funds, compliance monitoring, payment processing and audits, reporting and data collection. This work is anticipated to require expertise from a Program Analyst, Compliance Specialist, Information Systems Specialist, and accounting and contracting personnel. The number and duration of staff may be dependent on the anticipated number of participants in these two programs. A more complete fiscal analysis on the measure will be prepared as the measure is considered in the Joint Committee on Ways and Means.