

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 2340

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Legislative Fiscal Office*Only Impacts on Original or Engrossed
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Date: March 18, 2021**Measure Description:**

Appropriates moneys to Department of Human Services for transition services for current foster children and former foster children.

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:

	2021-23 Biennium	2023-25 Biennium
General Fund	\$8,162,104	\$0
Total Funds	\$8,162,104	\$0
Positions	2	0
FTE	1.75	0.00

Analysis:

HB 2340 appropriates \$8,162,104 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) to provide transition services to current and former foster children. The measure takes effect on the 91st day after the 2021 Legislature adjourns sine die.

DHS would use this funding to implement a new services model for current and former foster children aged 14 to 22. Under the new model, services provided by Independent Living Program contractors for current and former foster youth would be based on a tiered service system, with each tier based on the age and level of skills training and transition planning needed by each youth. Providers would be reimbursed at different rates based on which tier a youth falls into. Under the current system, providers are paid on a flat rate per youth. This change would increase the amount that DHS pays to Independent Living Program contractors. Additionally, this model would include an expansion of services to youths ages 14-15 and 21-22.

DHS would hire two new full-time positions, a Program Analyst 1 and an Administrative Specialist 1 (both 0.88 FTE in 2021-23). The Program Analyst 1 will respond to housing services and support questions, and provide technical assistance to youth and providers. The Administrative Specialist 1 will provide additional program administrative support and progress reporting due to an expected increase in workload with the expansion in the number of youths served.

This funding and positions are included in the DHS 2021-23 agency budget request in Policy Option Package 112 (Independent Living Program).

The Legislative Fiscal Office notes that this measure is a one-time appropriation in the 2021-23 biennium. Any additional program expenditures must be approved as part of the 2023-25 agency budget development process or by future legislative action.