

HB 4122 -4 STAFF MEASURE SUMMARY

House Committee On Human Services

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WHAT THE MEASURE DOES:

Directs Department of Human Services to establish a program to award to individuals who are recipients of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) status a one-time grant for DACA renewal costs. Appropriates \$7,000,000, to DHS for administering program.

Sunsets January 1, 2025.

Declares emergency, effective on passage.

ISSUES DISCUSSED:

- Closing the gap for eligible DACA recipients that have not yet been approved
- Community based organizations experience in DACA process
- Funds allocations to renewal and legal support

EFFECT OF AMENDMENT:

-4 Directs Department of Human Services to establish a program to distribute funds to community-based organizations to provide financial assistance to individuals who are recipients of DACA.

BACKGROUND:

DACA recipients must renew their deferred action status every two years and pay a fee of \$495.00. A fee exemption for DACA is available for applicants that meet one of the following conditions: are under 18 years of age, homeless, in foster care, or under 18 years of age and otherwise lacking any parental or other familial support and their income is less than 150% of the U.S. poverty level; cannot care for themselves because they suffer from a serious chronic disability and their income is less than 150% of the U.S. poverty level; or they have, at the time of the request, accumulated \$10,000 or more in debt in the past 12 months as the result of unreimbursed medical expenses for themselves or an immediate family member and their income is less than 150% of the U.S. poverty level.

House Bill 4122 directs DHS to establish a program to help individuals with DACA renewal costs.