## SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

## **Item 78: Department of Revenue Child Tax Credit Fraud Prevention**

To: Ways and Means Full Committee

From: General Government Subcommittee

Carrier: Senator Campos

The General Government Subcommittee recommends that the Joint Interim Committee on Ways and Means recommend appropriating \$339,946 General Fund, increasing Other Funds expenditure limitation by \$6,937, and authorizing the establishment of three permanent full-time positions, in a budget reconciliation bill during the 2024 legislative session, for the Department of Revenue to verify tax returns and prevent fraud for the Child Tax Credit.

To implement and administer the new Child Tax Credit program, the Department of Revenue's 2023-25 adopted budget included an increase of \$1.3 million and eight full-time permanent positions. However, the Department did not identify fraud prevention costs in its original estimation of the measure's impact. The Department is now requesting additional funding to establish three Public Service Representative 4 positions to verify tax returns and support fraud prevention activities to ensure that the tax credit reaches the intended recipients.

The General Government Subcommittee recommends approval.