

FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION

Measure: HB 4120 - 1

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Measure Description:

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

Government Unit(s) Affected:

Department of Human Services (DHS)

Summary of Fiscal Impact:

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

Summary of Expenditure Impact:

	2019-21 Biennium	2021-23 Biennium
General Fund		
Special Payments	2,000,000	40,000,000
Total Funds	\$2,000,000	\$40,000,000

Analysis:

HB 4120 with the -1 amendment appropriates \$2,000,000 General Fund to the Department of Human Services (DHS) for the 2019-21 biennium to provide transition services to foster children. These services are provided under Child Welfare’s Independent Living Program (ILP), which contracts with non-profits and governmental agencies to provide life skills training and other transition services to current and former foster youth between the ages of 14 to 21.

DHS reports that the agency anticipates expending the \$2,000,000 General Fund appropriation for the following purposes:

- \$ 720,000 to allow for the provision of services to approximately 200 more transitioning youth;
- \$1,086,000 to help stabilize the provider community by increasing the rates (from \$200 to \$300 per month) paid for services provided to the youth;
- \$ 100,000 to provide more Chafee Housing to eligible youth; and
- \$ 94,000 to increase the Independent Living Discretionary Program which funds expenses such as housing start-up costs or school fees for eligible youth.

No federal funding is available to match state dollars appropriated under the measure; while some federal dollars are used for ILP services, that federal grant is capped.