

**FISCAL IMPACT OF PROPOSED LEGISLATION**

**Measure: HB 3209 - A**

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**Measure Description:**

Directs Housing and Community Services Department to make grants to nonprofit housing counseling agencies for purpose of providing appropriate housing counseling services to grantors at risk of foreclosure on real property that is subject to residential trust deed or mortgage.

**Government Unit(s) Affected:**

Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD)

**Summary of Fiscal Impact:**

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

**Analysis:**

HB 3209 A-Engrossed directs the Housing and Community Services Department (HCSD) to grant funds to one or more nonprofit organizations, housing authorities, or government agencies that sponsor or manage homeownership programs to provide the services of a housing counselor. The measure establishes a new treasury account for the program but does not appropriate funds or specify an amount for the program.

The fiscal impact of this measure is indeterminate depending on the amount of funds to be appropriated. HCSD anticipates using a portion of any funds appropriated to administer this program and to certify counselors, create grant applications, and specify reporting and record keeping, and auditing requirements for the grantees. Although the size of this new program and related administrative costs would depend on the amount of available funds for awarding matching grants, based on the measure’s stipulations, HCSD estimates the administrative cost to be approximately \$162,583, 1 position, and 0.88 FTE for the 2021-23 biennium; and \$77,692, 1 position, and 1.00 FTE for the 2023-25 biennium. This estimate reflects the personal services and related service and supplies for one Program Analyst 1 position to perform the programmatic duties, such as developing rules, solicitations, grant awards, and managing the grants. HCSD anticipates that the additional duties in the procurement and accounting areas can be absorbed by existing staff.

This measure warrants a subsequent referral to the Joint Committee on Ways and means for consideration of its General Fund impact.