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To: Human Services Subcommittee

From: Gregory Jolivette, Legislative Fiscal Office

Date: February 21, 2022

Subject: HB 4117 – Relating to services for low-income individuals
Work Session Recommendations

HB 4117 requires the Department of Human Services (DHS) to establish a grant program to provide funding to culturally specific and responsive organizations in support of outreach and education related to taxes, and tax filing assistance for low-income residents who may be eligible for tax credits but are not filing income taxes. The measure also requires DHS to appoint a committee to advise the department on grant program rules.

HB 4117 appropriates \$4.0 million General Fund to implement the new grant program. Of this amount, \$133,904 would support one permanent, full-time Operations and Policy Analyst 3 position (0.50 FTE) in the Self-Sufficiency program to work with the advisory committee, write program rules, and administer the program.

The measure previously had hearings in the House Committee on Human Services on 2/1/2022 and 2/8/2022 and was reported out with a do pass.

Final Subcommittee Action

LFO recommends that HB 4117 be moved to the Ways and Means Full Committee.

Carriers

Full Committee: _____

House Floor: _____

Senate Floor: _____