

BILL SUMMARY
1st Session of the 56th Legislature

Bill No.:	HB 1357
Version:	INT
Request Number:	5032
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Impact:	Estimated \$59,500 annually

Research Analysis

HB 1357, as introduced, directs DHS to increase the number of locations where services to caregivers from various economic-income areas can be served and to select locations in which no usage fee will be charged. Further, the measure requires the department to: publicize the availability of caregiver services; assist caregivers in accessing services; provide individual counseling and support groups; provide training, and provide respite services.

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Fiscal Analysis

HB 1357 requires the Department of Human Services to provide counseling services and caregiver training as well as to organize support groups for caregivers. Estimated annual costs for these services to include a halftime FTE with no benefits is \$24,500. DHS estimates an additional \$10,000 annually for training materials, mileage and other administrative costs related to counseling and support groups.

In addition, DHS estimates that providing respite care for caregivers, based on previous voucher usage, would cost \$25,000

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Other Considerations

This fiscal impact report captures general costs associated with the implementation of this bill. However, various functions could radically increase overall cost based on frequency, usage, location, voucher program size, etc.