

BILL SUMMARY
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Bill No.:	HB2115
Version:	SAHB
Request Number:	
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Date:	5/14/2025
Impact:	FY-26 Budget: \$0
	FY-27 Budget: Net Zero

Research Analysis

The Senate amendments to HB 2115 transfer the administration of several programs—the Weatherization Assistance Program, the Community Services Block Grant, the Emergency Solutions Grants Program, and the Energy Conservation Assistance Fund—from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Human Services (DHS). DHS is responsible for meeting all federal requirements for funding, including submitting a Consolidated Plan to the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. The Office of Management and Enterprise Services must assist with the transfer of funds and outstanding financial matters.

Relevant employees may be transferred from the Department of Commerce to DHS with the employees’ consent. Transferred employees must retain their current pay, position level, accrued leave, and retirement benefits. All existing administrative rules governing the programs are also transferred to DHS. The Director of Human Services must appoint a transition team of representatives from DHS, the Department of Commerce, a statewide association representing community action agencies, and two executive directors of community action agencies.

The measure also recodifies applicable sections of law.

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Fiscal Analysis

The Senate amendment to HB 2115 transfers the administration of three federal programs (Weatherization Assistance Program, Community Services Block Grant, and the Emergency Solutions Grants Program) from the Department of Commerce to the Department of Human Services (DHS). The measure authorizes the two agencies to transfer personnel to facilitate these programs.

The measure has an effective date of July 1, 2026. Due to this effective date, this measure would have no impact on FY-26 budgetary resources. However, per the Department of Commerce, the exact number of personnel that will need to be transferred is unclear at this time. Therefore, the fiscal impact on FY-27 budgetary resources is unknown, but given the structure of the transfer, it can be anticipated to be a net zero total impact to the FY-27 budget.

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Other Considerations

None.

