

HF3 - 1A - Strengthen the Freedom to Vote

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures		X
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
		FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

This bill requires DHS to share applicant and enrollee data for purposes not currently permitted in federal law. DHS will not implement requirements of the bill and therefore there is no fiscal impact on this fiscal note.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	FY2026	FY2027	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

Section 7 requires eligible persons to be registered to vote upon submission of a MinnesotaCare initial or renewal application as specified, unless that person declines. Subdivision 4 of this section requires that, if permitted by the federal government, applicants for Medical Assistance who meet criteria must also serve as an application for voter registration. The language also requires systems testing to ensure accuracy of transmitted information.

Assumptions

The effective date of this bill is assumed to be July 1, 2023. For Medical Assistance, this effective date is dependent upon federal approval.

Medical Assistance, Minnesota’s Medicaid program, is subject to many federal laws and regulations. 42 U.S.C. 1396a(a)(7) requires states to institute safeguards that restrict the use or disclosure of information of applicants or enrollees except for the purposes of administering Medicaid and coordination with the federal school lunch program.

This bill requires DHS to share applicant and enrollee data for purposes not currently permitted in federal law. DHS assumes that implementation will not occur until a federal law change allows this data sharing to occur; therefore, no fiscal impact is estimated.

At this time, DHS believes that the requirements in Section 7 related to MinnesotaCare are not implementable; under federal regulations in 42 USC 18081, applicant information must only be used to determine eligibility for benefits through the health insurance exchange.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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