BILL SUMMARY

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Impact: DHS: \$1,250,000

Research Analysis

The subcommittee recommendation for HB 1111 provides that the standard medical expense deduction will be set at a value determined by DHS and at least \$100. The subcommittee proposed committee substitute for HB 1111 requires the Department of Human Services to develop and implement simplified certification and recertification requirements for SNAP benefits for an individual who meets the following requirements:

- 60 years or older or a person with a disability;
- Has no earned income; and
- Resides in a household in which every individual in the household is 60 or older or has a disability.

The measure outlines what is required in the simplified requirements. The Department will use data matching to inform eligible individuals of the simplified requirements. to inform eligible individuals of the simplified requirements. The measure also increases the standard medical deduction for households with elderly or disabled individuals who are SNAP eligible. The Department of Human Services will establish a standard medical expense deduction for eligible households which will be set at a value determined by DHS and must be no less than \$100. The Department must submit a request to the Food and Nutrition Services of the USDA for a waiver to implement this by Jan. 1, 2026. Any portion of the medical deduction not used in the current fiscal year can carry over to the next one.

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Fiscal Analysis

The subcommittee recommendation to HB 1111 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to develop and implement a simplified certification and recertification process for Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program benefits (SNAP) for the elderly and disabled population. DHS is required to establish the standard medical expense deduction for eligible households of the elderly and disabled population; however, the deduction cannot be less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100).

According to DHS, 2 additional employees will be required to implement the duties outlined in the measure. Below is a breakdown of the salary and benefits for the two additional Program Field Representatives, each receiving a 50/50 federal-to-state match. As shown below, DHS anticipates a total state cost of One Million Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$1,250,000).

	Total Cost		State Cost		Federal Cost	
Program Costs	\$ 2,296,000.00		\$1,148,000.00		\$1,148,000.00	
Personnel Costs:						
Program Field Representative - Salary	\$	62,000.00	\$	31,000.00	\$	31,000.00
Program Field Representative - Fringe	\$	40,000.00	\$	20,000.00	\$	20,000.00
Personnel Cost per Employee	\$	102,000.00	\$	51,000.00	\$	51,000.00
# of Employees		x 2				
Total Personnel Cost	\$	204,000.00	\$	102,000.00	\$	102,000.00
Total	\$ 2,500,000.00		\$1,250,000.00		\$1,250,000.00	

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Other Considerations

None.

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