SUMMARY OF BILL: Establishes the Religious Freedom Restoration Act to prohibit any clergy member, pastor, religious organization, organization supervised or controlled by or in connection with a religious organization, or individual employed by a religious organization, while acting in the scope of that employment, from being required to solemnize any marriage or provide services, accommodations, facilities, goods, or privileges; and to prohibit refusal to provide such goods or services from being used as the basis for a civil cause of action, criminal prosecution, or any other action by this state or political subdivision to withhold benefits or privileges.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- Clergy, pastors, and other religious organization employees are not currently required to provide any marriage services or goods.
- Prohibiting refusal to provide goods or services as a basis for civil or criminal action will not have a significant impact on the courts.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director