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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITL	E _	Domestic Violence	Support Services		SB	64

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<u>APPROPRIATION</u> (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund	
FY22	FY23	or Nonrecurring	Affected	
	\$5,000	Recurring	General Fund	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

<u>Responses Received From</u> Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 64 appropriates \$5 million from the general fund to CYFD for domestic violence support services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$5 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY23 shall not revert to the general fund.

The LFC recommendation for the department in House Bill 2 includes an increase of \$4 million to CYFD for domestic violence services, including \$3 million from the general fund and \$1 million from the early childhood care fund, contingent on legislation.

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SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD provided the following:

CYFD-funded domestic violence service providers help more than 10,500 residents affected each year by domestic violence, including survivors, perpetrators, and their children. CYFD works with non-profit and governmental organizations throughout the state to provide shelter and support services to families and individuals in need.

This appropriation would help stabilize and enhance domestic violence survivor support services through increases to the salary and benefits of advocates; by helping domestic violence programs to hire and retain skilled supervisors and administrators; and through the enhancement of survivor services. Survivor service enhancements include the development of alternate safe shelter that reduces risk of congregate settings (such as the current pandemic), expansion of child-focused services, flexible direct support to survivors that meets their immediate needs, enhancement of counselling and case management services, and community outreach and education to build domestic violence-informed systems.

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