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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Taylor, JP DATE TYPED 02/02/04 HB 266

SHORT TITLE Project Lifesaver Alzheimer's Projects SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Dunbar

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$60.0			Recurring	General Fund

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Aging & Long-Term Services Dept. ( ALTSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 266 appropriates \$60,000 from the General Fund to State Agency on Aging for the purpose of providing training and purchasing equipment for a ten project life saver program. Sheriff's departments in ten (10) areas of the state would be equipped and trained to issue electronic monitoring devices to monitor individuals identified with Alzheimer's or other dementias.

#### Significant Issues

Alzheimer's disease causes millions of Americans to lose their ability to recognize familiar places and faces. They may become disoriented and lost in their neighborhood, leave a safe environment or intrude in inappropriate places. Wandering of patients with Alzheimer's disease can happen anytime or anyplace. The monitors would allow law enforcement agencies to locate individuals and prevent life threatening situations.

Law enforcement awareness of Alzheimer's disease and related dementias, and participation in monitoring the safety of those at-risk individuals, is a positive partnership in any community.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$60.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 05 shall revert to the General Fund.

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