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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Martinez DATE TYPED 2/1/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Workforce Development Board Representation SB 257/a SFC

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			See Narrative		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 540

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Economic Development Department
 Human Services Department
 Labor Department

Response Not Received From
 Commission on Higher Education

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SFC Amendment

The Senate Finance Committee amendment to Senate Bill 257 removes the governor-appointed designees and adds secretary-appointed designees.

Significant Issues

It should be noted that federal regulations require the state workforce development board members to be appointed by the governor.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 257 changes the representation on the state workforce development board. The bill proposes to allow governor-appointed designees in lieu of the Secretary of the Economic Development Department, the Secretary of the Human Services Department, the Secretary of Public Instruction, and the Secretary of the Labor Department.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no significant fiscal implications associated with this bill.

DUPLICATION

Senate Bill 257 duplicates House Bill 540.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The primary action taken by the bill is to revise the statute related to the state workforce board. The bill adds language for each required secretary that allows the governor to appoint an approved designee instead of the secretary. This bill appears to address issues surrounding the attendance of other members of the identified departments instead of the Secretary.

It should be noted, private sector board members have complained at state board meetings about the lack of secretarial attendance. The state workforce board has assumed that these positions represented the identified departments and allowed others to fully participate at their meetings. This bill does not clearly address this concern and also fails to identify if the designee would come from the designated department. Without language clarifying the designated individual is the member and not the department, the bill could still result in different departmental representatives participating at state board meetings.

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