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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Altamirano DATE TYPED 2/10/2005 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Youth Conservation Corps Tuition Vouchers SB 352

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI		\$3.0	Recurring	YCC Operating Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Youth Conservation Corps (YCC)

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 352 provides for corps members who have twelve full months of employment as a corps member during a period not to exceed forty-eight months, and who have received satisfactory evaluations throughout their employment to receive as additional compensation a one thousand five hundred dollar (\$1,500) educational tuition voucher. This is increased from the current amount of \$1 thousand dollars.

Significant Issues

At present, many corps members select the \$500 cash bonus rather than the tuition assistance. The agency would like to expand the number of members taking advantage of tuition waivers to further educational opportunities. Raising the waiver amount to \$1,500 is expected to influence more corps members to select the voucher over the cash, resulting in a higher percentage of youth attending institutions of higher education.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Enacting SB352 will assist YCC meet or exceed performance measures.

The Commission on Higher Education does not anticipate any impact on the agency. The bill appears to address one of the Commission's goals of access to needs-based financial aid for higher education.

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