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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/21/05

SPONSOR Stapleton LAST UPDATED _____ HB 147

SHORT TITLE Violence Against Women Act Funding SB _____

ANALYST McSherry

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$56.1	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

House Bill 147 duplicates funding recommended for the 2nd Judicial District Court HAFC budget recommendation which included the executive-recommended Domestic Violence Resource Coordinator expansion position.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 147, "Violence Against Women Act Funding" appropriates \$56,100 from the to the 2nd Judicial District Court for the purpose of replacing federal funds from the Violence Against Woman Act which, according to the 2nd Judicial District Court, would fund a "Domestic Violence Resource Coordinator."

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$56.1 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

The estimated additional operating budget impact was determined assuming a 1-5 percent salary increase in FY08 for state employees including the proposed resource coordinator.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

It is not clear if the intended outcome of this program is simply tracking information, or if there is an ultimate purpose for the tracking of information and resources.

This appropriation has 1 permanent FTE associated with it.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

It is not clear how the proposed funding will improve 2nd Judicial District Court Performance. The 2nd Judicial District Court has not proposed performance measures or targets associated with its domestic violence programs.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Increased funding and personnel will increase the administrative responsibilities in the 2nd Judicial District Court.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The appropriation proposed in HB147 duplicates the executive recommended budget for the Court. H AFC has included the executive’s expansion item (this appropriation proposed amount and purposes) in its currently accepted recommendation for FY07.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If the current H AFC recommendation remains intact for the 2nd Judicial District Court, there will be no consequences of not enacting this bill. However if the H AFC recommendation is amended to remove the executive’s recommended expansion and HB 147 does not pass, the Domestic Violence Resource Coordinator position will not be authorized to be funded with a state appropriation in FY07.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How does the Domestic Violence Resource Coordinator position improve the performance of the 2nd District Court?
2. How did the Court qualify for the federal funds used to fund this position originally?
3. What improvements have resulted from the federally-funded coordinator position?
4. How will the other domestic violence programs at the 2nd judicial district Court be affected if the coordinator position is not funded? How will they benefit if it is funded?
5. What measures does the 2nd Judicial District propose to use in order to determine the position’s effectiveness?
6. Does the 2nd Judicial Court prioritize this proposal, or the requested increase in the Domestic Violence Early Intervention program? Why?
7. Were there any federal requirements for the position and program that the 2nd Judicial District plans to change if they program is federally funded? If so, what?