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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/4/08

SPONSOR Trujillo LAST UPDATED _____ HB 437/aHCPAC

SHORT TITLE Chat Room For Persons With Disabilities SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HCPAC Amendment

The House Consumer and Public Affairs Committee Amendment directs the appropriation from the Governor's Commission on Disabilities to the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 437 appropriates \$75.0 from the general fund to the Governor's Commission on Disability to establish a web site and chat room for persons with disabilities who have left high school, and their families, in order to foster an exchange of information, needs and resources and to reduce the isolation of and increase the social and recreational opportunities for persons with disabilities and their families.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the DDPC this bill was erroneously assigned to the Governor Commission on Disabilities. It was intended to be assigned to the Developmental Disability Planning Council. DDPC Staff will oversee the development and maintenance of the website, as well as outreach and public awareness under the guidance of an advisory board. The advisory board will consist of person with disabilities, their families and advocacy organizations.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The DDPC proposes that the ‘governor’s commission on disability’ be replaced with ‘developmental disabilities planning council’ which would redirect the appropriation. See significant issues above.

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