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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Trujillo, Ch **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/10/2015
LAST UPDATED 2/25/2015 **HB** 245/aHSCAC

SHORT TITLE Human Trafficking Victim Support Services **SB** _____

ANALYST Chenier

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$500.0	\$500.0	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 46

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HSCAC Amendment

The House Safety and Civil Affairs Committee amendment to HB 245 would insert language allowing the appropriation to be used for victims of human trafficking “whether or not any person has been charged with human trafficking in any given matter”.

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 245 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the Crime Victims Reparation Commission for expenditure in FY16 to fund support advocacy and services for adult and child victims of human trafficking.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY16 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CVRC stated that “Unless CVRC is authorized to administer these funds in accordance with our own internal procurement policies and procedures as with our current federal funding procurement waiver, there would be a significant delay in awarding these funds to victim service providers throughout the state in a timely manner.” Further “Due to the current lack of services to victim of human trafficking throughout the state, we are unable to estimate the number of victims this funding will serve.

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