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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/3/15
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Substance Abuse Recovery Supportive Housing **SB** 272
ANALYST Lucero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 272 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Health to fund program development and quality management services for a statewide supportive housing program that serves individuals in recovery from substance use disorders.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 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 2016 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Health (DOH) notes its Office of Facilities Management Program operates in-patient social rehabilitation substance abuse treatment centers. In the past, DOH provided case management services in a limited capacity for clients needing assistance in the community. Currently, DOH does not provide post discharge substance abuse case management services. Most behavioral health programs are provided under the authority of the Human Services Department (HSD). Supportive housing is a service provided in some cases by HSD for certain

qualified homeless individuals. The current operating budget for HSD has \$1.7 million from general fund revenues for transitional/supportive housing. The Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) recommended an additional \$1.4 million for transitional/supportive housing.

The Children, Youth and Families Department also provides supportive, or transitional, housing to families with children who lack secure housing or have a family member with a substance dependency. This “Keeping Families Together” initiative is currently being piloted with \$200 thousand from the general fund and a request for \$700 thousand of new funding for 2016.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DOH suggests on Page 1, lines 11 and 18: replace “Department of Health” with “Human Services Department”.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

An appropriation would not be made to fund supportive housing services for individuals in recovery from substance use disorders.

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