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		ORIGINAL DATE	2/21/17		
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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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<u>Responses Received From</u> Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SPAC Amendment

The Senate Public Affairs Committee Amendment to Senate Bill 385 eliminates language specifying that rules promulgated by the department address microbial contamination, water quality, and other requirements. The amendment adds language requiring ALTSD to "train appropriate persons on and disseminate rules that expressly allow" nutritional services program participants to grow and consume fruits and vegetables at senior citizen facilities.

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 385 requires ALTSD to adopt rules allowing for participants in the department's nutritional services programs to grow and consume fruits and vegetables at senior citizen facilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal implications noted.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ALTSD stated that current rules for nutrition do not prevent programs from growing their own fruits and vegetables for consumption or for preparation of meals served in the programs. A number of programs operate community gardens on site. The fresh fruits and vegetables grown are a wholesome addition to the meals served, and if bountiful, are distributed to participants for use at home. Promulgation of rules by ALTSD may create a conflict with the programs that already operate community gardens.

ALTSD also said that the amendment requiring the department to train appropriate persons, will add an unfunded mandate requiring staff time and resources not currently available.

ALTERNATIVES

Peer training and technical assistance provided by staff of senior centers that have on-site gardens to staff of senior centers wishing to start on-site gardens.

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