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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Martinez ORIGINAL DATE 2/13/19
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 486
SHORT TITLE Economics Networks for Low-Income Families SB _____
ANALYST Klunt

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Workforce Solutions Department (WSD)

SUMMARY

House Bill 486 (HB 486) appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund to Workforce Solutions Department (WSD) to implement “affinity-based networks” to help low-income families establish economic stability.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

WSD provided the following:

“The bill does not define the term “affinity-based network.” However, per Wikipedia,¹ an affinity group is a “group formed around a shared interest or common goal. Affinity groups can be based on a common ideology, a shared concern for a given issue or a common activity, role, interest or skill.” Currently, the Department of Workforce Solutions, along with other agencies

¹ https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Affinity_group

including the Human Services Department, already help low-income families establish economic stability. It is unclear whether the bill intends for those funded networks to include private partners. However, it is clear that the bill does not alter the function or mission of the Department but adds resources to meet that function and fulfill its mission.”

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