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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nava **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/24/09
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____
SHORT TITLE Short-Cycle Educational Assessments **SJM** 47
ANALYST Aguilar

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY09 | FY10 | FY11 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|--------------|------|------------|------|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|
| Total | | None Noted | | | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

Office of Educational Accountability (OEA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 47 requests that the Secretary of Education seek a suspension of federal statutes and regulation on assessment and accountability requirements under the federal No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB 2 as amended contains \$1.1 million for district costs associated with testing as part of the State Equalization Guarantee in FY10. An additional \$7.9 million is included in the SEG base for district costs associated with testing resulting in funding to school districts in FY 10 for assessment of \$9.42 million.

The Office of Education Accountability estimates that approximately \$2.2 million of this funding will be used for assessments other than federally-mandated assessments resulting in a potential savings to districts of approximately \$7.2 million in FY10.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED notes that the department is currently reviewing the quality of alignment of two commonly used short-cycle, formative assessments for grades 9 and 10. PED has not reviewed or approved any short-cycle, formative assessments in other grade levels.

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