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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/05/09

SPONSOR Keller LAST UPDATED HB

SHORT TITLE Leverage Additional Federal Dollars SM 22

ANALYST Earnest

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	None		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 22 requests the Human Services Department to change the formula for calculating income when devising household supplemental nutrition assistance and cash assistance program budgets from a four and three-tenths factor per week each month to a factor of four per week each month.

The memorial further resolves that HSD report to the interim Legislative Health and Human Services committee by November 30, 2009, on whether it has made the suggested change in the supplemental nutrition assistance program (SNAP) budgeting policy and, if so, the amount of additional federal dollars generated by the change.

Copies of the memorial shall be transmitted to the governor, the secretary of HSD and the chair of the interim Legislative Health and Human Services committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The memorial asserts that HSD has the authority to change the income calculation for applicants of SNAP, formerly Food Stamp, benefits. By changing the calculation, more applicants may qualify and receive the federal benefits. SNAP assistance is paid entirely by the federal government.

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