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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

		ORIGINAL DATE	2/15/18		
SPONSOR Ge	entry	LAST UPDATED		HB	320/HRCS
SHORT TITLE	College Facility Co	ndition Index		SD	

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<u>APPROPRIATION</u> (dollars in thousands)

Appropr	iation	Recurring	Fund Affected	
FY18	FY19	or Nonrecurring		
	\$5,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$3,700.0		\$3,700.0	Nonrecurring	HED
		\$251.5	\$251.5	\$503.0	Recurring	HED

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

<u>Responses Received From</u> Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The House Rules and Order of Business Committee Substitute for House Bill 320 appropriates \$5 million from the general fund to HED for expenditure in FY19 and subsequent fiscal years for the purpose of creating an ongoing facilities condition index (FCI) for all public postsecondary educational institutions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation contained in HB 320/HRCS is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY19 shall not revert.

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HED estimates that the appropriation would be sufficient to implement the FCI, procure the required software and licenses, hire a Capital Projects Auditor Specialist (A/O I) to maintain/audit the FCI, and fund the activities of maintaining and auditing the FCI for 5 years. Based on estimated costs from HED, the Legislature would need to consider additional recurring appropriations to the department to maintain the system after FY23. The following cost estimates are provided by HED:

HED Estimated Facilities Condition Index Costs (in dollars)								
Description	Months	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Total	
Assessment of all 32 Institutions, 24 Million Square Feet (\$0.15/s.f.)	9	\$3,600,000	-	-	-	-	\$3,600,000	
Softw are hosting, maintence, backup, upgrades, etc.	12	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$160,000	\$800,000	
Space Auditor (1 FTE assigned to HED)	12	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$85,000	\$425,000	
HED assessment travel	12	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$5,000	\$25,000	
HED Custom Reports	12	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$1,500	\$7,500	
Training - Facility & Auditor (3 Classes of 11, one from each institution)	1	\$60,000	-	-	-	-	\$60,000	
Consulting fee	12	\$40,000	-	-	-	-	\$40,000	
TOTAL		\$3,951,500	\$251,500	\$251,500	\$251,500	\$251,500	\$4,957,500	
	Source: HED							

These cost estimates do not include costs for staff time at public postsecondary educational institutions to provide and maintain the data used to develop the FCI.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to HED, facility condition indexes (FCIs) are used by public postsecondary institutions to determine, through their five-year master plan submitted to HED, which facilities should be prioritized for reconditioning, repurposing, or demolition. The last statewide FCI was released in late 2006. However, several public postsecondary institutions maintain their own internal FCIs for purposes of capital outlay planning.

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