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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Lopez DATE TYPED: 2/17/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Education & Information Via Cable Access SB 421

ANALYST: L. Baca

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$50.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

State Department of Education (SDE)

Local government Division (LGD), Department of Finance & Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 421 appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to support outreach efforts and access to public, education and government information via cable access channels.

Significant Issues

This bill provides funds to make public information more accessible to the public via cable access. SDE reports the agency could make more data available via this medium.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The DFA analysis states that LGD does not administer this type of program and suggests the administration would be better placed with Office of Information and Technology Management

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill addresses the use of cable to access public information. However, many citizens do not have cable access.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What types of outreach efforts would be enhanced by this bill?
2. How would those with satellite dish and conventional antennae benefit from this bill?
3. Have local governments expressed interest in this bill?

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