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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Aragon DATE TYPED 2/04/04 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Developmental Disabilities Advocacy Center SB 439

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Department of Health (DOH)
 Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)
 State Agency on Aging (SAOA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 439 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to DDPC for the purpose of developing an advocacy resource center.

Significant Issues

DDPC states “the current systems providing services and supports to persons with developmental disabilities (DD) are very complicated.” The agency proposes the center would develop materials on seeking employment, using transportation systems, participating in the community, navigating the service delivery systems and other subjects relating to DD. SAOA has a similar assessment.

DOH is working with the Human Services Department and SAOA to create “self-directed” options for persons with disabilities, and this resource center would help participants in planning and administering services. The center would also teach persons with disabilities to become their own advocates in local, state, and federal issues concerning development disabilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

DDPC is planning to explore other funding options in addition to general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DDPC would have to develop operating instructions, arrange advertising, and staffing of the center.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What services will be provided by this appropriation?
2. How will the center be staffed?

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