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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Griego DATE TYPED 3/18/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Study Adequate Funding for DWI Issues SM 49

ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 49 would ask the Local Government Division of DFA to conduct a study of approaches to achieve adequate funding for DWI programs, services and activities statewide in collaboration with the association of counties, DWI planning councils, the governor's DWI coordinator, representatives of the liquor industry and of community-based programs, services or facilities that provide prevention, screening and treatment of alcoholism and alcohol abuse. The study would examine the potential to increase distribution of liquor excise tax revenues to the Local DWI Grant Fund as well as other funding mechanisms. It would propose legislative recommendations to adequately fund DWI programs statewide. The study findings and recommendations would be presented to the interim legislative health and human services committee and interim revenue stabilization and tax policy committee by October 2005.

Significant Issues

Currently, 34.57 percent of liquor excise tax revenues are distributed to the Local DWI Grant Fund, which generates about \$14.5 million in revenues each year. Since the fund was created, the legislature has identified a range of additional DWI-related programs that receive support from this source, including drug courts, ignition interlocks, and specified alcohol detoxification and treatment facilities. This memorial would provide for an evaluation to see if existing resources are sufficient for DWI-related programs.

ALTERNATIVES

Because the study would address appropriations for DWI programs, it would be useful to have DFA report to the Legislative Finance Committee, as well as the other interim committees.

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