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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-2-06

SPONSOR Moore LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 297

SHORT TITLE Northeast Regional Cooperative Building SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Dearing

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 297 appropriates \$500,000 from the general fund to the Public Education Department for the purpose of for expenditure in fiscal year 2007 to fund the operation and maintenance of a newly purchased and renovated building for the Northeast Regional Education Cooperative.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Regional Education Cooperatives (RECs) primarily provide ancillary services to support special education students for school districts throughout the state. Recently, they have been moving into managing other programs for smaller school districts. They provide economies of scale for small rural school district throughout the state.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

According to the Public Education Department, there is no major impact on meeting performance measures for school districts associated with this bill.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The PED administers public school funds, federal funds and other funds appropriated by the Legislature. The administration of this bill should it pass would be minimal.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

Should some performance measures and milestones be considered for this enactment?

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