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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/17/07

SPONSOR Moore LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1071

SHORT TITLE WINTER STORM EMERGENCY SNOW REMOVAL SB _____

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$500.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1071 appropriates \$500.0 for emergency snow removal repairs to streets, curbs, gutters, town property, and buildings for the Town of Clayton.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA reports that Union County recently received over three feet of snow and has since been attempting to recover from that snowfall. This extreme amount of snow resulted in six foot snow drifts, and county crews having to continuously open the roads. Union County maintains twelve hundred twenty eight miles of county dirt roads. As the snow melts, the roads become extremely muddy, causing ruts averaging twelve inches, resulting in damaged roadways.

The Town of Clayton engaged approximately ten private contractors to assist with snow removal. A school district lost one of their buses from a pot hole caused by the snow removal process. The school bus suffered a damaged tie rod and wheel rim and was rendered unusable. Damage to emergency vehicles from fender benders in the process of assisting others stuck in the snow also occurred. One piece of heavy equipment was run to exhaustion and had to be replaced with a rental of which the rental is still active.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration will send the emergency money in the amount of \$500.0 to the Town of Clayton immediately upon receipt from the General Fund. The Town of Clayton will then utilize the funds to begin recovery from the snow emergency.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB 1070

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