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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/26/07

SPONSOR Lundstrum LAST UPDATED _____ HM 38

SHORT TITLE State Services in Accessible Locations SB _____

ANALYST Baca

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08	FY09		
	\$0.1	\$0.1	Recurring	General Fund
	\$0.1	\$0.1	Recurring	Federal Funds

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 38 requests that state agencies locate in one-stop centers to provide a variety of services in centralized and accessible locations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Fiscal implications are unknown. It is expected that some of the costs for establishing the one-stop centers can be absorbed within existing budgets. Additional costs for relocating agency staffs, equipment needs, rental fees and advertising the existence of the centers would be additional costs that would require increased appropriations. Presumably, federal funding related to agency activities will go with the one-stop location services.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Providing needed service to the public in an efficient manner is the announced goal of both federal and state governments. One-stop centers are one element in achieving the goal of improved service to clients. Advantages of this approach include less travel and confusion for clients with their needs more expeditiously met. Additionally, state staff can better coordinate activities, counsel and refer clients to the agency that can best meet their needs. Employers might also benefit if their employees need less time off to tend to their and their families needs.

As summarized in the memorial:

”locating agencies and services in one-stop centers will enable the system to more effectively coordinate and provide services to targeted populations in need of such services with minimal interruption and confusion...”

In addition, the memorial cites the federal Workforce Development Act and the potential loss of incentive federal funds if the state should fail to meet performance measures, and “the failure of state workforce partner agencies to contribute to the fiscal operation and maintenance of one-stop centers affects the full array of services to employers, job seekers and others.”

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

HM 38 requests that all state agencies and partner agencies:

- co-locate in at least two comprehensive one-stop centers in each of the designated workforce development areas prior to June 30, 2008; and
- contribute financially to a cost allocation plan or resource-sharing agreement for the operation, administration and maintenance of the one-stop centers in accordance with the federal Workforce Investment Act of 1998 to ensure that quality services and support can be provided and maintained; and

HM 38 further provides that the coordination oversight committee and the office of workforce training and development

- report achievements of such co-locations with established performance measures and recommendations for workforce program improvements to the legislature no later than September 1 of each year; and
- establish a common data intake and reporting system for local workforce boards for the purposes of standardizing common goals and performance accountability; and

Finally, HM 38 requests “that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the secretary of labor, the secretary of human services, the secretary of public education, the secretary of higher education, the secretary of economic development, the secretary of children, youth and families, the state workforce development board, the director of the office of workforce training and development, the local workforce development boards and other partner agencies. “

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