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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez ORIGINAL DATE 1/28/08
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Small and Hispanic Business Empowerment SB 443
ANALYST Earnest

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Senate Bill 443 relates to SB369 and HB349.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)

Workforce Solutions Department (WSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 443 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to Economic Development Department to promote economic empowerment through business development, workforce preparation, convention networking and tourism, with an emphasis on small business and Hispanic businesspersons.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 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 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

EDD notes that the bill would provide for support of Hispanic-owned businesses. However, because the appropriation is not a part of EDD's recurring budget, a brand new program will be established and just get off the ground, only to be left unfunded in the following fiscal year.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Economic Development Department would contract for the services specified in the bill.

According to EDD, the appropriation does not specify or allocate funds for the general administration of the program and therefore the implementation would have to be carried out by an organization or entity that has the operational knowledge of the topics identified.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 443 relates to Senate Bill 369 and House Bill 349, which would appropriate \$100 thousand for the same purpose.

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