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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	Candelaria	ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED	3/1/15 HB		
SHORT TITI	LE Standardized Test	Standardized Test Contract Reporting		9	
			ANALYST	Chavez	

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 9 requests the Public Education Department (PED) provide an accounting of funds spent for standardized testing materials and that the department provide documentation on how the procurement process for standardized testing materials was conducted and prepare a report for the Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This memorial does not contain an appropriation. Costs to the PED to carry out the request of the memorial should be able to be carried out within existing resources.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PED notes that this memorial focuses on use of standards based assessments for implementation of the common core state standards (CCSS). The PED develops numerous standards based assessments, only a subset of which is aligned to the CCSS, and a smaller number that are required for administration. PED adds the memorial should specify which assessments should be

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included in the LESC report.

PED adds that as the procurement process is set forth in statute and regulation and procurement documents, including requests for proposals (RFPs) and contracts, are public, this information can already be reviewed by LESC.

At PED's December budget hearing, Secretary Skandera testified that the new contract for CCSS, the Partnership for the Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers (PARCC), will reduce testing costs from \$7.5 million to \$6 million.

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