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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lechuga-Tena ORIGINAL DATE 2/5/2016
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 232

SHORT TITLE Mobile Shower for Homeless Pilot Project SB _____

ANALYST Boerner

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 232 appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund to HSD for the operation of a mobile shower pilot program for homeless individuals that would include the collection and reporting of data related to the number of individuals served and the number of staff required to implement the program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2017 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

One successful example of shower services for the homeless is operated by the non-profit Lava Mae in San Francisco. The organization retrofitted a Muni bus that stops at predetermined locations throughout the day, tapping into a public fire hydrant, ferrying that fluid onto the decommissioned bus, heating it with on-board propane tanks and then pumping it out stainless steel shower heads. A mobile unit means no rent, no "not in my backyard" issues, and the bus

can go to the disenfranchised and resource-strapped population where they are. Lava Mae raised the \$75,000 for the retrofit and partnerships with other area nonprofits and businesses such as for the installation of the shower stalls and fixtures. The program has approval from the city to tap into fire hydrants and a plan to discharge the gray water into the city's dual storm drain and sewer system.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HSD would be required to release and administer an RFP for a qualified organization to implement the pilot project.

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