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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez ORIGINAL DATE 01/20/16
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE State SNAP Program Funding SB 52

ANALYST Boerner

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$400.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		None	None	None		

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 52 appropriates \$400 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department to provide state food stamp supplement benefits through the supplemental nutrition assistance program for individuals who are elderly or have disabilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$400 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 2017 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HSD notes the average monthly caseload for the state food stamp supplement is projected to be 11,302 in FY17. The projected general fund expenditures associated with this caseload are \$1,101 thousand, assuming no changes are made to the program.

Currently, SNAP recipients who meet the eligibility requirements for the supplement that received less than \$25.00 dollars in federal SNAP benefits receive the state food stamp supplement to ensure they receive a minimum monthly benefit of \$25.00. The current federal minimum SNAP benefit is \$16.00 per month.

The appropriation contained in this bill would allow for, at most, a \$3.67 increase in monthly benefits, from \$25.00 to \$28.67. A \$3.67 increase in monthly benefits would increase total projected expenditures to \$1.599 million.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The State Food Stamp Supplement will remain at \$25.00.

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