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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rubio/Sariñana/ **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/31/2018
Roybal Caballero **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** 205

SHORT TITLE Crime Victim Fund for Trafficking Study **SB** _____

ANALYST Edwards

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY18	FY19		
\$0.0	\$75.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	Minimal	\$0.0	Minimal	Nonrecurring	General Fund

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Relates to HB 203, SB 153, SB 188, SB 202.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Not Received From

Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 205 appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund to the Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC) to study needs related to sheltering victims of human trafficking.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY19 shall revert to the general fund.

CVRC did not provide a response to this bill. However, it can be assumed the bill will have an operating budget impact. The commission may have to retain a contractor to perform the study if the commission does not have the available staffing resources.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services released a study on the needs of victims of human trafficking in 2008 detailing the challenges and needs facing victims:

When service providers and law enforcement personnel were asked to describe the needs of victims of human trafficking, a common response was, “what don’t they need?” The safety needs of victims were identified as the first priority by all of those working with victims. According to law enforcement and providers, screening for safety needs (for both the victims and providers) is part of every assessment they conduct. Safety needs are often met when the next priority need for (safe) emergency housing is addressed. Other emergency needs include food and clothing and, for international victims, translation services to avoid feelings of isolation and to facilitate communication regarding other needs.

Once emergency needs are met, other needs that present themselves in the short- and long-term need to be met. These include housing (transitional and permanent for adults, and foster care or permanent placement for minors), legal assistance (e.g., help in understanding legal rights, legal representation and, for international victims, assistance with filing T-visa applications, and immigration petitions), and advocacy (e.g., assistance retrieving identification documents, completing applications, attending appointments, and navigating the different U.S. systems, including criminal justice, child welfare, immigration, human services, transportation, etc.).

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