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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 1/29/26 **Bill Number:** SB0183 **Original** **Amendment** **Substitute**

Short Title: STUDY TORRANCE COUNTY URGENT CARE & EMERGENCY FACILITIES

Sponsor: Sen. Stefanics, Sen. Thornton, Rep. Gonzales, Rep. Lord

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
\$0.0	\$250.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		
\$0.0	\$250.0	\$0.0	NA	NA

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$97.9	\$0.0	\$97.9	None recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

SB183 appropriates two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the general fund to the Health Care Authority for expenditure in fiscal year 2027 to conduct a feasibility study for creating regional urgent care or emergency room medical facilities in Torrance County and surrounding jurisdictions. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2027 would revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB183 appropriates two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in appropriations from the general fund to the health care authority for the study, with balances at the end of the year to revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

None.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

If adopted HCA would conduct a request for proposals (RFP) to identify an appropriate vendor to conduct this analysis. The contracted vendor would use a variety of resources to assess the feasibility of creating a regional urgent care or emergency room medical facility in Torrance county and surrounding jurisdictions. While SB183 is not specific to the content of the feasibility study it would likely include, but not be limited to, an inventory of services in the region, review of gaps or barriers to service, workforce availability, and cost analysis. One (1) FTE at a pay band of C7 would be required to function as the procurement manager and contract manager for this work. This would be a total of \$97,900 for salary, fringe, and administrative costs to the general fund. This may become eligible for federal match if the work specifies Medicaid.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

None

TECHNICAL ISSUES

SB183 does not identify a deadline for completion of the feasibility study but does identify that unexpended funds will revert at the end of fiscal year 2027.

Lines 19-21 state “create of a regional urgent care or emergency room medical facility in Torrance county and surrounding jurisdictions.” HCA proposes the following edit “create of a regional urgent care or emergency room medical facility in Torrance county ~~and~~ or surrounding jurisdictions.”

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

None

ALTERNATIVES

None

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Status Quo.

AMENDMENTS

None