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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Taylor, JP	DATE TYPED:	2-1-00	HB	120
SHORT TITLE:	Prescription Assistance for Indigent			SB	
				ANALYST:	Taylor

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 50.0			Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to None.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Health Policy Commission (HPC)

No response received from the Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HB 120 makes a \$50.0 general fund appropriation to the Human Services Department to provide emergency funds to regional community action agencies for medically necessary prescription drugs for indigent and low-income persons.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal impact of this bill is limited to the \$50.0 appropriation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

As of this writing, the Human Services Department has not provided an analysis for the bill.

The HPC bill analysis notes that the Human Services Department will need to:

- develop a method for distributing the funds to different agencies;
- develop criteria to determine what prescription drugs are medically necessary;
- identify the population to benefit from the program.

SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The HPC analysis notes the bill does not define income eligibility criteria.

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