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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Jennings DATE TYPED 2/23/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Increase Health Care Professional Payments SB 611

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 339

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06			
	\$256.4			Federal Medicaid

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 611 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department for the purpose of increasing payments to Medicaid anesthesia services physicians to ensure access to these essential services.

Significant Issues

The bill specifies payment should be made in fiscal year 2006 implying this may not be a recurring expense. However, it would seem if the purpose is to ensure access to these services this would need to be a recurring effort beyond FY06. Also, it is not specified if both fee-for-service and managed care physicians should be included in the increase.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Some performance measures should be added to determine the success of the effort to ensure service access.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Are there factors other than money restricting access to anesthesia services?

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