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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/2/06

SPONSOR Robinson LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Dept. of Health Film Project SB 672

ANALYST Lewis

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 672 appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health for a film project.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Department of Health (DOH), DOH's Office of School Health within DOH has undertaken two film projects in the past two years as part of a larger youth mental health anti-stigma campaign. People with mental illness often do not seek treatment because of the stigma associated with mental illness. Funds for a film project could be used for public information and educative measures aimed at selected target groups to improve the public's knowledge regarding

symptomatology, causes, and treatment options for people with mental illness. Improved knowledge can help reduce prejudice and negative perceptions, and facilitate the social reintegration of those experiencing mental illness.

DOH notes that SB 672 does not specify the program for which the proposed film project funding is intended; nor is this appropriation included in the DOH executive budget request.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH staff would need to develop a Request for Proposal (RFP) process to contract for the film project.

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