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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/24/08

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Education Works Program SB 186

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

Department of Higher Education (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 186 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department to increase the number of persons in the Education Works Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HSD reports that currently there are 500 slots available for the EWP with an annual budget of \$2 million. During the course of 2007, there was an average monthly participation of 372 households in the Program. The total State Fiscal Year 2007 expenditure was \$1,520,162. During the traditional school year, the need for EWP slots increase. As of January 2008, there are 312 participants in the EWP.

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