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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Armstrong/Ortiz Y ORIGINAL DATE 2/16/19
Pino LAST UPDATED _____ HB 452

SHORT TITLE Permanent Health & Human Services Committee SB _____

ANALYST Leger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 555 creating a joint interim legislative institution and state-federal relations committee

Relates to House Bill 1 which funds the Legislative Council Service

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 452 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the Legislative Council Service (LCS) to fund staffing for and the activities of the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee (LHHS).

Section 1 of the bill increases the composition of LHHS to twelve members; six members from the house and six members from the senate and changes the references of chairman to chair.

Section 2 of the bill eliminates the committees authority to “conduct a continuing study” and replaces it with “monitor and oversee” the programs, agencies, policies, issues and needs relating to the health and human services and the full continuum of programs and services available and needed for children and families of aging population. The section further states monitoring and oversight of statutes, constitutional provisions, regulations and court decisions governing such programs, agencies and issues and adds policies to this listing.

Section 3 amends the staff make up of the committee to include a year-round staff to carry out the duties of the committee. The LCS shall provide the staff with expertise in law, policy or

finance related to health care delivery or finance or human services matters.

Section 4 is a new section of the law designating certain agencies and political subdivisions of the state, upon request to furnish and make available to the LHHS or any subcommittee documents, material or information requested. It further authorizes the committee subpoena power to conduct hearings and administer oaths.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

House Bill 1, the feed bill, includes \$1 million for interim committee expenses.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Currently, subpoena power is allowed by the Legislative Finance Committee and the House and Senate during a legislative session.

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