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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/28/21

SPONSOR HEDC LAST UPDATED _____ HB 256/HEDCS

SHORT TITLE Elder Workforce Development Taskforce SB _____

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ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY21	FY22	FY23	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$100.0	\$0	\$100.0	Nonrecurring	Kiki Saavedra Dignity Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The House Economic Development and Commerce Committee Substitute for House Bill 256 (HB256) requires the Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD) to convene a task force to determine the feasibility of launching workforce development initiatives in rural and tribal communities across the state. Several additional organizations and departments are named in the bill as participants in the task force.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB256 originally contained an appropriation of \$100 thousand from the general fund to provide for the expenses related to this bill. The committee substitute for this bill removed the appropriation and ALTSD reported the department would utilize funding from the Kiki Saavedra dignity fund for the taskforce.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The House Economic Development and Commerce Committee substitute for HB256 removes the appropriation from the original bill and adds the Veterans Services Department to the task force, as well as veteran-specific language in the issues to be addressed by the task force.

ALTSD anticipates contracting with a project manager to organize the work of the task force, as well as the reporting requirements. HB256 requires public members of the task force be entitled to per diem and mileage as provided for state employees in the Per Diem and Mileage Act and shall receive no other compensation, perquisite, or allowance.

There are numerous requirements for the task force to consider for this bill. The task force is to report its preliminary findings and recommendations to ALTSD by December 31, 2021. The task force shall report its final findings and recommendations to ALTSD by June 30, 2022.

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