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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Steinborn ORIGINAL DATE 03/02/21
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Mask Purchase, Distribution and Education SB 309/ec
ANALYST Klundt

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY21	FY22		
\$5,000.0		Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 309 (SB309) appropriates \$5 million from the general fund for the purchase and distribution of KN95 masks or equivalently effective masks that reduce transmission of coronavirus disease 2019 and for a robust statewide public education campaign about the importance and proper usage of masks. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 (FY21) shall revert to the general fund.

This bill contains an emergency clause and would become effective immediately upon signature by the governor.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$5 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY21 shall revert to the general fund.

This bill contains an emergency clause and would become effective immediately upon signature by the governor and FY21 reverting language. Therefore, DOH would have to expend all \$5 million contained in this bill by the end of the fiscal year or June 30, 2021 or the funding will revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH reported the department would be responsible for purchasing and distributing effective masks including leading a robust statewide public health campaign about the importance and proper usage of masks. SB309 does not indicate specific NMDOH staffing related to planning and executing a statewide public education campaign about the importance and proper usage of masks, including the distribution of effective masks purchased.

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