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FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 37 (Chairman. Finance Committee)
 (Departmental - Human Resources)

Finance

Department of Human Services

This departmental bill changes the name of the “Department of Human Resources” to the “Department of Human Services.” It takes effect January 1, 2000.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The proposed FY 2000 budget includes \$96,000 for replacement of signs statewide (\$59,500 general funds, \$36,500 federal funds). FY 2000 special fund expenditures would increase by \$25,600, assuming that departmental regulations would be reprinted; 80% (\$20,500) of this special fund expenditure would be recovered in FY 2000. There is no effect on future year expenditures.

(in dollars)	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
GF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Revenues	20,500	0	0	0	0
GF Expenditures	59,500	0	0	0	0
FF Expenditures	36,500	0	0	0	0
SF Expenditures	25,600	0	0	0	0
Net Effect	(\$101,100)	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: The Department of Human Resources (DHR) has determined that this bill has minimal or no impact on small business (attached). Legislative Services concurs with this assessment as discussed below.

Fiscal Analysis

State Effect: DHR's proposed fiscal 2000 appropriation includes \$96,000 for replacement of signs statewide (\$59,500 general funds, \$36,500 federal funds). Any expenditures for new stationery, forms, and business cards could be handled with existing budgeted resources because the department can make the changes necessitated by the renaming on a gradual basis, as current supplies are depleted.

Because the name of the department is printed on each page of departmental regulations, the name change could require the entire COMAR Title 07 (DHR regulations) to be reprinted. If COMAR Title 07 were reprinted, special fund expenditures could increase on a one-time basis by an estimated \$25,645 in fiscal 2000 (1,300 copies of 1,260 pages, less costs for the regular annual supplement). Approximately 80% of this expenditure, or \$20,516, would be offset by special fund revenues resulting from the sale of COMAR Title 07 in fiscal 2000.

Although reprinting the entire Title 07 is not immediately necessary, delaying could have the effect of causing confusion over the department's name. The annual supplement, which includes those pages reprinted due to regulation changes, would include the new name, while the rest of the pages would bear the old name.

Small Business Effect: The renaming could favorably affect a limited number of small business sign makers to the extent that the department contracts with small businesses to make signs reflecting the department's new name. It would also favorably affect a limited number of small business printers with whom the State contracts to reprint COMAR Title 07.

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