

FISCAL NOTE
 LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2009-10		FY 2010-11	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS	\$16,421,240		\$32,542,481	
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$16,271,240		\$32,542,481	
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	\$32,692,480		\$65,084,962	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

LB 236 provides for an increasing amount of general funds and federal funds to be appropriated in 2009-10 through 2012-13 to fund services for persons on the waiting list for developmental disability services after their date of need for such services as of November 14, 2008. The funds will be appropriated to the Department of Health and Human Services to be distributed as aid for developmental disability providers.

A report pursuant to LR 156 was issued in December, 2008 addressing the waiting list for developmental disabilities. Contained in the report was an estimate of the funds needed to fully fund the waiting list for developmental disabilities. LB 236 proposes to fully fund the waiting list of persons, waiting past their date of need as of November 14, 2008, over a four year period. The bill provides for an additional \$32.5 million (50% General, 50% Federal) to be appropriated each year from 2009-10 through 2012-13 as follows:

FY	General Funds (50%)	Federal Funds (50%)	Total Add'l Funding/Year	Cumulative Total
2009-10	16,271,240	16,271,240	32,542,480	32,542,480
2010-11	32,542,481	32,542,481	32,542,482	65,084,962
2011-12	48,813,721	48,813,721	32,542,482	97,627,444
2012-13	65,084,962	65,084,962	32,542,484	130,169,928

The estimate in the report does not take into account any increase in rates for developmental disability providers, changes to the rate methodology or additional funds needed to start-up services, provide service coordination, or increase state level administrative staff. The waiting list estimate is based upon typical acceptance of service rates where 60% of requests for day service, 80% of residential requests, and 70% of requests for respite services are typically accepted, if funds are made available.

The bill also provides for a one-time general fund appropriation of \$150,000 in 2009-10 to contract for the development of a new rate methodology for services for persons with developmental disabilities.

Technical Note: The Department of Health and Human Services indicates the funding mix would need to be changed to reflect the current percentage of Medicaid eligible individuals receiving developmental disability services. The fund mix would change to about 45% general funds and 55% federal funds based upon current spending patterns.

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