



HOUSE COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS
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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 254

PRINTER'S NO: 950

PRIME SPONSOR: Fairchild

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2008/09	FY 2009/10
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	See Analysis	See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 254 amends the Public Welfare Code by adding a new section that requires the Department of Public Welfare to make a good faith effort to determine whether an applicant for cash or medical assistance is a veteran. As a condition for eligibility to receive assistance, an applicant who is a veteran would be required to contact an accredited veteran service officer to determine the applicant's eligibility for veteran benefits. The bill requires the department to develop a standard form to be used by a veteran service officer to verify the applicant's eligibility for veteran benefits. This act would take effect immediately.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 254 is not anticipated to impact expenditures for the Department of Public Welfare because it basically reflects current practice. The Medical Assistance program is the payor of last resort and the department currently attempts to claim federal benefits for veterans in the program. It is assumed that the department could absorb the costs associated with developing the standard form required under this act.

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