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FISCAL NOTE

HOUSE BILL: 2492 PRINTER'S NO: 4088 PRIME SPONSOR: McIlvaine Smith

FISCAL IMPACT SUMMARY	FY 2010/11	FY 2011/12
Expenditure Increase/(Decrease):		
General Fund	See Analysis	See Analysis

OVERVIEW:

House Bill 2492 changes the name of the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services. In order to provide an efficient and cost-minimizing transition, changing the name of the department on stationery, signage and publications may be done over a two-year period and shall be coordinated with changes in administration.

The act shall take effect July 1, 2010 or immediately, whichever is later.

ANALYSIS:

House Bill 2492 would require the Commonwealth to replace all of the many and varied references to Public Welfare and DPW with a new name. Changing the department's name would include changes to stationary, ID badges, marketing and consumer education materials, forms, publications, and signs. There is no mechanism to quantify the total costs associated with the name change; however, given the large volume of impacted materials, forms, notices, and so forth, the costs would be significant. According to the Department of Public Welfare, the estimated two-year cost would be no less than \$500,000.1

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