

**SENATE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE  
FISCAL NOTE**

**BILL NO.** House Bill 1654

**PRINTER'S NO.** 2274

**AMOUNT**

\$600,000/Annually

**FUND**

General Fund

**DATE INTRODUCED**

August 26, 2013

**PRIME SPONSOR**

Representative Cruz

**DESCRIPTION AND PURPOSE OF BILL**

House Bill 1654 amends the Newborn Child Testing Act to include Krabbe Disease and related lysosomal storage disorders in the list of required conditions for screening.

This act shall take effect in 60 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

House Bill 1654 would cost the Department of Health \$600,000 annually for the new screening test. The Department of Health pays for newborn screening, except for newborns covered under Medical Assistance that are paid by the Department of Public Welfare. The Department of Health would be responsible for approximately 75,000 screenings annually at a projected cost of \$8 per screen for an estimated annual cost of \$600,000. The Department of Public Welfare pays a bundled rate for maternity care and child birth and does not anticipate any increase in costs related to this legislation.