

# FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council  
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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1498

**1A. State fiscal effect:** *Identify the state fiscal effect and the fiscal effect on agency appropriations compared to funding levels and appropriations anticipated under current law.*

	2007-2009 Biennium		2009-2011 Biennium		2011-2013 Biennium	
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds
<b>Revenues</b>						
<b>Expenditures</b>			\$14,895,047		\$17,560,999	
<b>Appropriations</b>			\$14,895,047		\$17,560,999	

**1B. County, city, and school district fiscal effect:** *Identify the fiscal effect on the appropriate political subdivision.*

2007-2009 Biennium			2009-2011 Biennium			2011-2013 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts
			\$14,895,047			\$17,560,999		

**2A. Bill and fiscal impact summary:** *Provide a brief summary of the measure, including description of the provisions having fiscal impact (limited to 300 characters).*

This bill requires each County Social Service Board's reimbursement be increased to at least 80% of each county's actual child welfare administrative costs for programs outlined in section 50-06-01.4. Each county will receive no less than the amount received in State Fiscal Year (SFY) 09.

**B. Fiscal impact sections:** *Identify and provide a brief description of the sections of the measure which have fiscal impact. Include any assumptions and comments relevant to the analysis.*

This bill requires the Department of Human Services to change the allocation method of indirect costs and provides at least 80% reimbursement to the County Social Service Boards for their actual direct & indirect Child Welfare Administration costs. An additional 52.45 FTE's were added to the Child Welfare administrative costs based upon a survey of each county's current needs for the programs outlined in section 50-06-01.4. Due to the change in allocating indirect costs, the bill also includes a hold harmless clause, so for each year of the biennium no county receives less reimbursement than they received for SFY09. The hold harmless clause effects 7 counties and increases the general fund need by \$221,960 for 2009-2011.

**3. State fiscal effect detail:** *For information shown under state fiscal effect in 1A, please:*

**A. Revenues:** *Explain the revenue amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each revenue type and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget.*

**B. Expenditures:** *Explain the expenditure amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency, line item, and fund affected and the number of FTE positions affected.*

The Executive budget for the Department of Human Services would need Grant authority in the amount of \$14,895,047 in the 2009-2011 biennium in order to reimburse County Social Service boards at least 80% for their child welfare administrative expenditures and to provide the hold harmless clause based upon SFY 2009 reimbursement.

**C. Appropriations:** *Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, for each agency and fund affected. Explain the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations. Indicate whether the appropriation is also included in the executive budget or relates to a*

*continuing appropriation.*

It is estimated this bill would cost \$14,895,047, all of which are general funds. This estimate is \$23,534 less than the appropriation currently provided within this bill.

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