FISCAL NOTE

Requested by Legislative Council

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Bill/Resolution No.: HB 1496

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.

	2001-2003 Biennium		2003-2005 Biennium		2005-2007 Biennium		
	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	General Fund	Other Funds	
Revenues Expenditures Appropriations							
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2001-2003 Biennium 2003-			-2005 Bieni	nium	2005	2005-2007 Biennium		
Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts	Counties	Cities	School Districts

2. **Narrative:** Identify the aspects of the measure which cause fiscal impact and include any comments relevant to your analysis.

This bill would extend "spousal impoverishment prevention" concepts to include individuals residing in a basic care facility. In order to receive federal Medicaid funds for the additional individuals that would become eligible for Medicaid under this bill, the Medicaid income and asset limits would need to be increased for all two-person Medicaid units to the limits set for spousal impoverishment prevention. Alternatively, with amendments to the bill, the additional costs of providing care to married residents of basic care facilities could be covered by state general funds. Since the Department of Human Services was not able to determine the number of new Medicaid cases resulting from the bill, the fiscal impact is unknown.

- 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.
 - C. **Appropriations:** Explain the appropriation amounts. Provide detail, when appropriate, of the effect on the biennial appropriation for each agency and fund affected and any amounts included in the executive budget. Indicate the relationship between the amounts shown for expenditures and appropriations.

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