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**LB 376** 

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## **FISCAL NOTE**

Revised with updated information

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT - STATE AGENCIES (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)								
	FY 2021-22		FY 2022-23					
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE				
GENERAL FUNDS	\$5,563,860		\$11,127,721					
CASH FUNDS								
FEDERAL FUNDS	\$7,614,397		\$15,228,794					
OTHER FUNDS								
TOTAL FUNDS	\$13,178,258		\$26,356,515					

Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.

LB 376 proposes that the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) apply for a waiver to administer a home and community-based services family support program for children with developmental disabilities who are currently on the DHHS Developmental Disability waiting list. If the bill were enacted, the program would be developed by the Advisory Committee on Developmental Disabilities and be administered by the Division of Developmental Disabilities of DHHS. The program would offer an annual capped budget of \$12,000 for long-term services and supports. The bill also provides a pathway for Medicaid eligibility for disabled children regardless of parental income. DHHS would be tasked with submitting an annual report regarding the status of the program annually to the Legislature.

Note: Both the Legislative Fiscal Office and DHHS had incorrect information on the original fiscal note that this revision will address. See the following for clarification.

The DHHS fiscal note assumed a number of eligible participants to be 1,500 to allow for growth as there are 1,100 children currently on the waiting list. The DHHS fiscal note also included Medicaid costs for all 1,500 children. However, as of 2/16/21, only 403 children on the waiting list were not eligible for Medicaid. DHHS submitted revised information that reduced the number that are on the waiting list that were not eligible for Medicaid to 500 children.

In the Legislative Fiscal Office fiscal note, it was assumed that the proposed waiver program only included those children on the DD waiting list who were not eligible for Medicaid. The revised fiscal note reflects all children that are on the Developmental Disability waiting list. However, the fiscal note reduced the number of eligible children to 1,200 to align more closely with the actual number of children on the waiting list while still allowing for growth. The fiscal office also used a number of 450 children who are on the waiting list who are not eligible for Medicaid.

Costs other than the \$12,000 per child cap for waiver services includes staffing costs (48 service coordinators, 8 supervisors and other support staff), a rate of \$84 for each waiver participant for the contracted case management software, and expenditures for children not eligible for Medicaid.

It is assumed that the application for the waiver will take approximately 6 months for approval by CMS thus reducing the first year expenditures.

See the following for cost component breakdown:

Cost Component	Newly Eligible	Cost per Person or new FTE	Cost FY 22	Cost FY 23
1915 c waiver services	1200	\$12,000	\$7,200,000	\$14,400,000
Services Coordination	1200	56	\$1,914,884	\$3,829,767
Case Management Software	1200	\$84	\$50,274	\$100,548
Heritage Health Costs	450	\$17,836	\$4,013,100	\$8,026,200
		Total	\$13,178,258	\$26,356,515
		General Funds	\$5,563,860	\$11,127,721
		Federal Funds	\$7,614,397	\$15,228,794