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**TO:** Honorable Jane Nelson, Chair, Senate Committee on Health & Human Services

**FROM:** John S. O'Brien, Deputy Director, Legislative Budget Board

**IN RE: SB691** by Madla (Relating to the creation and functions of an arthritis control and prevention program.), **As Introduced**

**Estimated Two-year Net Impact to General Revenue Related Funds** for SB691, As Introduced: a negative impact of (\$1,290,442) through the biennium ending August 31, 2007.

The bill would make no appropriation but could provide the legal basis for an appropriation of funds to implement the provisions of the bill.

**General Revenue-Related Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Net Positive/(Negative) Impact to General Revenue Related Funds</b>
2006	(\$694,647)
2007	(\$595,795)
2008	(\$603,795)
2009	(\$595,795)
2010	(\$603,795)

**All Funds, Five-Year Impact:**

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Probable Savings/(Cost) from GENERAL REVENUE FUND 1</b>
2006	(\$694,647)
2007	(\$595,795)
2008	(\$603,795)
2009	(\$595,795)
2010	(\$603,795)

<b>Fiscal Year</b>	<b>Change in Number of State Employees from FY 2005</b>
2006	1.0
2007	1.0
2008	1.0
2009	1.0
2010	1.0

## **Fiscal Analysis**

The bill relates to the creation and functions of an arthritis control and prevention program. The bill would amend the Health and Safety Code by adding Chapter 96. The bill would direct the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) to develop and implement an arthritis control and prevention program, to conduct a needs assessment, as prescribed in the bill, and to provide and train staff to implement the program. The bill would also direct DSHS to establish and coordinate the Arthritis Advisory Committee to advise the agency on developing and implementing the program. Under the bill's provisions, members of the advisory committee would not receive additional compensation for serving on the committee and would not receive reimbursement for travel or other expenses incurred while conducting the business of the committee.

Upon enactment, the bill would take effect September 1, 2005.

## **Methodology**

DSHS assumes one additional FTE would be needed to implement the arthritis control and prevention program and to support the Arthritis Advisory Committee. The estimated cost for salary and benefits would total \$38,638 in FY 2006, representing 9 months to allow for start-up, and \$51,517 in each year for FY 2007-2010. The estimated cost for rent and utilities would total \$2,273 in FY 2006, and \$3,031 in each subsequent year. The estimated cost for travel would total \$1,875 in FY 2006 and \$2,500 in each subsequent year. The estimated cost for other operating cost would total \$17,958 in FY 2006 for printed materials, postage, telephone and other supplies and \$13,097 in each subsequent year.

DSHS assumes the agency would gather epidemiological data to estimate the statewide prevalence rate of arthritis and purchase survey questions related to arthritis at an estimated cost of \$8,000 on even years. The agency assumes it would contract for services related to gathering information on needs and services at an estimated cost of \$150,000 for the initial full assessment in FY 2006 and \$50,000 to update components of the assessment in subsequent years.

DSHS assumes the agency would contract for the development and implement a comprehensive communications strategy to raise public awareness about arthritis. The estimated cost of this effort would total \$100,000 each year.

DSHS assumes five competitive grants would be awarded to community-based organizations to fund local implementation of evidence-based programs at an estimated total cost of \$375,000 each year (\$75,000 per grant).

The estimated total cost of implementing the provisions of the bill as described above and IT cost would be \$1,290,442 in General Revenue for the 2006-07 biennium.

## **Technology**

Estimated cost for computer hardware under lease would total \$903 in FY 2006 and \$650 in each year of FY 2007-2010.

## **Local Government Impact**

No fiscal implication to units of local government is anticipated.

**Source Agencies:** 537 Department of State Health Services

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