



HF 449 – Psychiatric Beds Tracking System (LSB2334HV)
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Description

House File 449 directs the Department of Human Services (DHS) to spend up to \$200,000 for FY 2016 to develop and implement an inpatient psychiatric bed tracking system. The Bill also requires that once a court-ordered mental health commitment is entered, the clerk of court is required to utilize the tracking system to check availability and reserve a bed if available. Once the bed is reserved, it cannot be assigned to any other person.

Background

Senate File 406 (FY 2014 Mental Health, Judicial Workgroup Recommendations Act), directed the DHS to conduct a **study** regarding the possible development of a hospital bed tracking system in order to most efficiently and effectively serve the needs of persons suffering from mental illness. The Bill directs the DHS to base the procurement requirements on the recommendations contained in the December 2013 report.

Assumptions

Based on the study submitted by the DHS, there will be a one-time cost of \$200,000 to build the bed tracking system and a \$25,000 annual cost to maintain the system.

Fiscal Impact

The DHS has stated that they will use federal dollars to cover the one-time cost of \$200,000 that is projected for FY 2016. There will be an ongoing cost of \$25,000 for FY 2017 and beyond to maintain the system.

Source

Department of Human Services

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