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HOUSE FILE 2493
BY COMMITTEE ON HUMAN RESOURCES

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 618)

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H-8131

1 Amend House File 2493 as follows:
2 1. Page 1, line 23, by striking the word
3 "seroprevalence".

By FREEMAN of Buena Vista

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Fiscal Services Division
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Fiscal Note

HF 2493 - Viral Hepatitis Program (LSB 6402 HV)
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Fiscal Note Version - New

Description

House File 2493 requires the Department of Public Health to establish a Viral Hepatitis Program. The purpose of the Program is to distribute informational material; and provide testing, and vaccination as part of existing local public health services for at-risk adults. This is contingent on the receipt of funding that would allow for the distribution of grants to local public health agencies for these purposes.

In addition, the Department is required to conduct a study that will provide an epidemiological profile of Hepatitis C and its impact on the State. The Department is required to report the results of the study to the General Assembly by January 1, 2008, and is required to include the status of the development and distribution of the informational material and the results of the testing and vaccination component of the Program in the study.

Assumptions

1. There will be 11 local public health agencies that will receive a grant of \$7,500 each to integrate prevention education information about Viral Hepatitis into existing programs for a total cost of approximately \$83,000.
2. The laboratory costs for testing conducted by the University of Iowa Hygienic Lab will total \$25,000.
3. There will be a total of 500 Iowans vaccinated at \$100 per person for a total cost of \$50,000. The vaccinations will be provided by local public health agencies and the costs will be reimbursed by the Department of Public Health.

Fiscal Impact

The estimated annual cost of HF 2493 is an increase in General Fund expenditures of \$158,000 for the Department of Public Health beginning in FY 2007.

Source

Department of Public Health

/s/ Holly M. Lyons

February 23, 2006

The fiscal note and correctional impact statement for this bill was prepared pursuant to Joint Rule 17 and pursuant to Section 2.56, Code of Iowa. Data used in developing this fiscal note and correctional impact statement are available from the Fiscal Services Division, Legislative Services Agency to members of the Legislature upon request.

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CHRISTOPHER C. RANTS
Speaker of the House

JEFFREY M. LAMBERTI
President of the Senate

I hereby certify that this bill originated in the House and is known as House File 2493, Eighty-first General Assembly.

MARGARET THOMSON
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved _____, 2006

THOMAS J. VILSACK
Governor