

FISCAL NOTE

This bill contains appropriations totaling \$99,000 from the GENERAL FUND to the Department of Health (Department).

This bill contains an authorization of one at-will contract employee position for the Department.

DETAIL OF APPROPRIATION

Agency #: 048 Agency Name: Department of Health

Units: 0401-HCF Admin (0100 series) and 0470-Optional Services-Adult (0600 series)

EXPENDITURE BY SERIES AND YEAR	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026
0100 Personnel/Benefit Costs	\$0	\$9,000	\$0
0600 Grant & Aid Payments	\$0	\$90,000	\$0
 Total Expenditure Per Year:	 \$0	 \$99,000	 \$0
 Grand Total Expenditure:	 \$99,000		
Total Appropriated to Agency:	\$99,000		
Total Appropriated by Fund:			
GENERAL FUND	\$99,000		

Description of appropriation:

This bill provides an appropriation of \$90,000 from the general fund to the Department to fund a program providing hearing aids for adults who are not eligible to receive hearing aids through private insurance, Medicaid, Medicare, or any other available third-party payor. The bill also provides an appropriation of \$9,000 to cover administrative costs of the program.

The Department estimates the \$90,000 appropriation would cover approximately 30 individuals for both ears at \$3,000 per individual. If some individuals required only one hearing aid, at a cost of \$2,000 per individual, then slightly more individuals might be served.

The Department estimates this appropriation would be exhausted in the first year of the biennium. According to the Department, any remaining eligible individuals would be placed on a waitlist for the next biennium.

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