

FISCAL NOTE

SJR 511

February 8, 2006

SUMMARY OF BILL: Urges the Governor to earmark all tobacco settlement funds for intensive educational programs preventing tobacco use among youths.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - If the intent of this resolution is implemented, approximately \$150,000,000, which is currently included in the General Fund, will be earmarked for an educational program to prevent tobacco use among youths. This earmarking would effectively increase expenditures by the earmarked amount. The budget would have to account for the earmarking of these funds, either through reduced expenditures in existing programs, increased revenues, or collections in excess of projections. (Although the earmarked funds are recurring, excess collections are generally treated as non-recurring.)

Assumptions:

- The Governor will earmark the funds the state receives from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement to fund educational programs to prevent tobacco use among youths.
- The Governor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2006-2007 estimates Tobacco Fund cash collections at \$153,000,000 and accrual adjustments at \$15,000,000 which is included as part of the General Fund.
- The development, implementation and production costs for the educational programs to prevent tobacco use among youths will be funded through the earmarked funds from the Tobacco Master Settlement Agreement.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



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