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BILL NUMBER: SHB 5394
FILE NUMBER:
AMENDMENTS:

TITLE: "AN ACT EXPANDING THE LEAD POISONING PREVENTION PROGRAM"

FAVORABLY REPORTED BY Public Health, Appropriations

SUMMARY: This bill reduces the blood lead level which results in mandatory reporting by health care institutions and private clinical laboratories to the Department of Health Services and local directors of health.

It further specifies the blood lead level which triggers mandatory investigation by local directors of health; and allows the commissioner of health services to establish guidelines for lead poisoning risk assessment and screening.

The bill requires the Department of Health Services to establish, within available appropriations, two regional lead poisoning treatment centers.

Finally, the bill establishes a lead poisoning prevention task force. The task force shall issue a report by January 6, 1993.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon Passage

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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT - BILL NUMBER SHB 5394

STATE IMPACT	Potential Significant Cost, Potential Significant Future Cost, see explanation below
MUNICIPAL IMPACT	Potential Cost, see explanation below
STATE AGENCY(S)	Department of Health Services

EXPLANATION OF ESTIMATES:

STATE IMPACT: Passage of this bill will result in a potential significant cost to the Department of Health Services (DOHS). These costs would be associated with establishing two regional lead poisoning treatment centers at two hospitals. While the bill restricts expenditures for these two treatment centers to within available appropriations, no funding has been provided within SHB 5100, (the Appropriations Act, as favorably reported from the Appropriations Committee) for this purpose.

Additionally, a potential significant future cost would be associated with duties of the task force created pursuant to the bill. These duties include an investigation of job creation to carry out lead abatement activities and recommendation of a plan to provide lead-safe housing to all residents of the state by a certain date, which is not specified in the bill. To the extent that any plans developed by the task force result in pressure to increase state funding for these activities a significant future state cost may ensue.

MUNICIPAL IMPACT: A potential cost exists for municipalities to the extent that increased reporting may result in increased investigation costs. These potential costs would be dependent upon the additional number of reports made, which cannot be predicted at this time.