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LB 1062

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FISCAL NOTE

LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE

ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES *				
	FY 2012-13		FY 2013-14	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS	See Below		See Below	

*Does not include any impact on political subdivisions. See narrative for political subdivision estimates.

This bill would require adoption assistance payments to continue upon the death of the adoptive parents when the following conditions are met: 1) the need for assistance continues, 2) the adoption agreement provides for the assignment of a guardian or conservator or 3) the child is in the temporary custody of a family member or other individual pending the appointment of the guardian or conservator.

The payments do not qualify for federal adoption assistance payments. Payment would be continued with state general fund. Since the child might otherwise return to the custody of the state, the continued adoption assistance payments would be offset from savings resulting in not placing the child back in foster care.

DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

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COMMENTS			
HHS – Possible conflict with federal requirements. If not resolved, passage of LB1062 could result in a State-only program financed with General Funds.			

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ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION

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FY 2012-2013

FY 2013-2014

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GENERAL FUNDS				
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Return by date specified or 72 hours prior to public hearing, whichever is earlier.

Explanation of Estimate:

LB1062 imposes requirements on both federal and state adoption assistance that are contradictory to federal law. This will result in the federal adoption assistance program becoming a State Only program of adoption assistance which would cost an estimated \$656,885 (GF) in the first year and double that amount in the second year. The cost would continue to grow in the third and subsequent years for new adoptions and the continuation of existing adoptions under the new provisions. The fiscal impact resulting from court reviews and possible N-FOCUS changes cannot be estimated.

MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE

PERSONAL SERVICES:	POSITION TITLE	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2012-2013	2013-2014
		12-13	13-14	EXPENDITURES	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....					
Operating.....					
Travel.....					
Capital Outlay.....					
Aid.....					
Capital Improvements.....					
TOTAL.....				See above	See above