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**LB 189**

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**FISCAL NOTE**  
**LEGISLATIVE FISCAL ANALYST ESTIMATE**

<b>ESTIMATE OF FISCAL IMPACT – STATE AGENCIES</b> (See narrative for political subdivision estimates)				
	<b>FY 2015-16</b>		<b>FY 2016-17</b>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
GENERAL FUNDS				
CASH FUNDS				
FEDERAL FUNDS				
OTHER FUNDS				
TOTAL FUNDS				

**Any Fiscal Notes received from state agencies and political subdivisions are attached following the Legislative Fiscal Analyst Estimate.**

No fiscal impact.

**ESTIMATE PROVIDED BY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION**

State Agency or Political Subdivision Name:(2) Department of Health and Human Services

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	<u>FY 2015-2016</u>		<u>FY 2016-2017</u>	
	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE	EXPENDITURES	REVENUE
<b>GENERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>CASH FUNDS</b>				
<b>FEDERAL FUNDS</b>				
<b>OTHER FUNDS</b>				
<b>TOTAL FUNDS</b>	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

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

**Explanation of Estimate:**

LB189 is reducing criminal sanctions for marijuana concentrate drugs (including hashish and hash oil) that contain natural tetrahydrocannabinol (THC). The current penalty for hashish and hash oil is a Class IV felony, but LB 189 lessens the penalties for possession of an ounce or less of marijuana concentrate drugs, (including hashish and hash oil) to match the penalties for possession of an ounce or less of marijuana: infractions, misdemeanors, citations, courses, and possible jail time, escalating for repeat offenses.

Penalties for synthetically produced cannabinoids are also newly specified by LB 189. These penalties are also less than the felony currently imposed for possession, but harsher than for natural THC drugs: first offense is an infraction, fine and education. Subsequent convictions are Class IIIA misdemeanors, \$500 fine and up to seven days jail time.

There is no Fiscal Impact to the Department of Health and Human Services.

**MAJOR OBJECTS OF EXPENDITURE**

PERSONAL SERVICES:	NUMBER OF POSITIONS		2015-2016	2016-2017
	POSITION TITLE	15-16	16-17	EXPENDITURES
Benefits.....				
Operating.....				
Travel.....				
Capital Outlay.....				
Aid.....				
Capital Improvements.....				
<b>TOTAL.....</b>			<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>