

Fiscal Analysis

NEWBORN SAFE DELIVERY INFORMATIONAL SUNSET REPEAL



Bill/Sponsor **SENATE BILL 710 as Passed by the Senate, Sen. Shirley Johnson**

House Committee Family and Children Services

Analysis

Summary

Senate Bill 710 strikes sunset language in the Probate Code related to the Safe Delivery of Newborns Program. The sunset would have eliminated statutory requirements established in 2000 for the Department of Community Health and the Family Independence Agency to collaboratively provide a toll-free 24-hour telephone line and public information pamphlets regarding the program. With the proposed elimination of the sunset language, the telephone and public information pamphlet requirements would be maintained.

Fiscal Impact

The bill has the fiscal impact of sustaining existing costs for informational awareness and outreach components of the Safe Delivery of Newborns Program. If the bill is not enacted and the sunset language is retained and becomes effective, spending will no longer be required for these services. In Fiscal Year 2000-01, the Family Independence Agency expended less than \$20,000 on informational pamphlets. Due to the large quantity printed at that time, funding for additional pamphlets will not be required in the near future. In Fiscal Year 2002-03 the Department of Community Health expended \$86,240 for toll free hotline services for this program.

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