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ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS (EHR) Department of Community Health

Senate Bill 138 (EHR part) Sponsor: Sen. Roger Kahn

SUMMARY OF DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY HEALTH INFORMAL REQUEST

The House version of SB 138 currently includes authorization of \$47,292,000 (\$1,466,700 GF/GP), of which \$45,825,300 is federal, to fund a new electronic health record (EHR) incentive program. The Department of Community Health has requested additional federal authorization in the amount of \$36,250,000 to be included in this FY 2010-11 supplemental.

The State's electronic health record (EHR) incentive program, which is primarily a federally funded opportunity, will provide incentive payments to eligible professionals, eligible hospitals and critical access hospitals as they adopt, implement, upgrade or demonstrate meaningful use of certified EHR technology. An EHR is an electronic record of patient health information generated by one or more encounters in any care delivery setting. The EHR incentive program is expected to be active for 11 years.

The additional \$36.2 million of federal funds represents the Department's updated projections of anticipated participation in the EHR incentive program. The informal request by the Department reflects the provider's eagerness to be involved in this federal program.

Expenditure				Appropriation			
	Year	Federal	GF/GP	Total	Year	Comments	
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	FY 2011	\$45,825,300	\$1,466,700	\$47,292,000	AY 2011	original request	
	FY 2011	\$36,250,000	\$0	\$36,250,000	AY 2011	informal request	
	Total:	\$82,075,300	\$1,466,700	\$83,542,000			

A FY 2011-12 supplemental is anticipated that would provide \$81,890,900 Gross (\$2,174,100 GF/GP) to fund EHR administration costs and incentive payments in the upcoming fiscal year.

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