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Subject: Health Disparities Study Committee
Requestor: House Medical, Military, Public, and Municipal Affairs
RFA Analyst(s): Griffith
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Fiscal Impact Summary

This joint resolution creates the South Carolina Minority Health Disparities Study Committee, which includes three members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate, who will serve without per diem, mileage, or other compensation. Further, the Department of Health and Environmental Control (DHEC) is directed to enhance current data tools to ensure a statewide assessment of the risk behaviors associated with specific health disparity priority areas.

This legislation will have no fiscal impact on the House of Representatives or the Senate because they can manage any expenses associated with the joint resolution within existing appropriations.

This joint resolution will increase General Fund expenses of DHEC by approximately \$229,800 in the first year for 2.0 FTEs, computer equipment, and miscellaneous operating expenses. Expenses will decrease to \$226,400 each year thereafter.

Explanation of Fiscal Impact

Introduced on January 10, 2023

State Expenditure

This joint resolution creates the South Carolina Minority Health Disparities Study Committee (committee). The committee includes three members of the House of Representatives and three members of the Senate, who will serve without per diem, mileage, or other compensation. Further, the committee must establish measurable outcomes to reduce certain health disparities. To accomplish this task, DHEC must enhance its current data tools to ensure a statewide assessment of the risk behaviors associated with the health disparity priority areas. DHEC must conduct the assessment so that results may be compared to national data.

House of Representatives and Senate. The House of Representatives and the Senate indicate they will manage any costs associated with the joint resolution within their existing appropriations. Therefore, the legislation will have no fiscal impact on these legislative bodies.

Department of Health and Environmental Control. The agency reports that to complete the statewide assessment of the health disparities and compare the results to national data, it will require 2.0 Epidemiologist II FTEs, with a total salary and fringe benefits of approximately

\$214,000. Additional recurring operating expenses for miscellaneous supplies and overhead charges will total \$12,400. Nonrecurring expenses for computer equipment for the new positions is expected to total \$3,400. In total, the joint resolution will increase General Fund expenditures of the agency by \$229,800 in the first year and by \$226,400 each year thereafter.

State Revenue

N/A

Local Expenditure

N/A

Local Revenue

N/A



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