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 Title: Protection from Needle and Sharps
 Injuries
 Sponsor: .. Senator Elton
 Requestor: Senate Finance

Department Affected: Labor
 BRU: Labor Standards and Safety
 Component: _____
 Occupational Safety and Health
 COMPONENT SERIAL NO. 970

EXPENDITURES/REVENUES: (Thousands of Dollars)

Note: Amounts do not include inflation unless otherwise noted below.

OPERATING	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006
PERSONAL SERVICES						
TRAVEL						
CONTRACTUAL						
SUPPLIES						
EQUIPMENT						
LAND & STRUCTURES						
GRANTS & CLAIMS						
MISCELLANEOUS						
TOTAL OPERATING	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

CAPITAL						
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CHANGE IN REVENUE FUND SOURCE #						
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FUNDING: (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipt						
1006 GF/MHTIA						
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

POSITIONS:

FULL-TIME						
PART-TIME						
TEMPORARY						

Estimate of current year (FY00) impact: \$ none

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

See Attached

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This bill helps further clarify existing requirements for employers as it relates to devices covered in the bloodborne pathogen standard (29 CFR 1910.1030); provides reasonable requirements to evaluate, implement and prevent injuries with engineered safe devices; and provides clear guidance on evaluation of needlesticks and other sharps injuries in health-care settings. Health-care worker involvement and safety is enhanced by requiring employer policies that work with potential parties at risk for a common solution to injury prevention.

OSHA estimates sharps and needlestick injuries vary between 590,000 to 800,000 per year. Many of the bloodborne diseases are life-threatening and incurable. Risk analysis by the Centers for Disease Control estimates the risk of front-line health-care workers of contracting a bloodborne disease is three times that of the normal population, due to work in a health-care setting.

The Division of Labor Standards & Safety/Occupational Safety & Health Program is already in compliance with federal bloodborne pathogen safety standards, as required by the federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration's (OSHA) compliance directive of November 1999.

The Department does not anticipate increased operating expenses in connection with this legislation.