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 Title: Assisted Living Home Licensure BRU: Institutions & Administration
 Component: Mental Health/DD Admin
 Sponsor: Rep. Halcro
 Requester: House (HES) Component Number: 310

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

OPERATING EXPENDITURES	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004	FY 2005	FY 2006	FY 2007
Personal Services	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Travel						
Contractual						
Supplies						
Equipment						
Land & Structures						
Grants & Claims						
Miscellaneous						
TOTAL OPERATING	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

CAPITAL EXPENDITURES						
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CHANGE IN REVENUES ()						
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FUND SOURCE (Thousands of Dollars)

1002 Federal Receipts						
1003 GF Match						
1004 GF						
1005 GF/Program Receipts						
1037 GF/Mental Health	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Other (Specify Type)						
TOTAL	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2001) cost: 0.0

POSITIONS

Full-time	2	2	2	2	2	2
Part-time						
Temporary						

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This bill expands the number of Assisted Living Homes (ALHs) required to be licensed by the state, to include those with only 1-2 residents. The population served in ALHs is made up of individuals who are the most vulnerable and dependent mentally ill, developmentally disabled and elderly individuals. Currently, the Division of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities requires ALHs to be licensed if they serve three or more residents and receive federal or state funding. Health and safety issues are the primary factor driving DHSS toward licensing all ALHs, regardless of number of residents. With the increasing numbers of ALHs and consumers choosing to reside in them, the existing DMHDD 1 1/2 licensing staff positions (initially expected to do 135 homes per year) will not be able to provide adequate monitoring of all the homes to ensure the provision of a safe and healthy environment to each of DHSS' consumers. Presently there are 156 homes, with 11 more due to be licensed in the next month. These homes are reviewed once a year. In FY00 the staff made an additional 57 site visits for follow-up or complaint investigations. Anticipated, revised ALH regulations will enhance health and safety requirements and increase the time of the site review process. Additional staff will be needed to follow-up on Reports of Abuse and Neglect, and to complete a thorough evaluation of the quality of care at the time of initial license and renewal. The two positions listed above are requested in the budget but are not fully funded.

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