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 Title: Naturopaths RDU: Health Care Services
 Component: Medical Assistance Administration
 Sponsor: Davis
 Requester: Senate HSS Component Number: 242

Expenditures/Revenues (Thousands of Dollars)

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

	Appropriation Required	Information						
		FY 2010	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015
OPERATING EXPENDITURES								
Personal Services								
Travel								
Contractual	150.0							
Supplies								
Equipment								
Land & Structures								
Grants & Claims								
Miscellaneous								
TOTAL OPERATING	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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	150.0							
1005 GF/Program Receipts								
1037 GF/Mental Health								
Other Interagency Receipts								
TOTAL	150.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

Estimate of any current year (FY2009) cost: _____

POSITIONS

Full-time								
Part-time								
Temporary								

ANALYSIS: (Attach a separate page if necessary)

This legislation would require the Medicaid program to cover naturopathy services. The Department does not anticipate increased expenditures of Medicaid services as naturopathy services would largely replace other covered services, and any increase in total covered services would be offset by payment of naturopaths at a lower rate than physicians. However, there would be a one-time cost to make system changes to the MMIS, the Department's Medicaid claims processing system. The Department is in the process of replacing its existing MMIS with a new system. Because this change would be made to the old system prior to replacement, it would not be eligible for matching federal reimbursement.

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