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Fiscal Note

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HF377 - 0 - Hometown Heroes Assistance Program; 2 Yr Funding

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State Fiscal Impact	Yes	No
Expenditures	X	
Fee/Departmental Earnings		X
Tax Revenue		X
Information Technology		X
Local Fiscal Impact		X

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions shown in the parentheses.

State Cost (Savings)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Full Time Equivalent Positions (FTE)	Biennium			Biennium		
	Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-

LBO Analyst's Comment

I have reviewed this fiscal note for reasonableness of content and consistency with the LBO's Uniform Standards and Procedures.

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State Cost (Savings) Calculation Details

This table shows direct impact to state government only. Local government impact, if any, is discussed in the narrative. Reductions are shown in parentheses.

*Transfers In/Out and Absorbed Costs are only displayed when reported.

State Cost (Savings) = 1-2		Biennium			Biennium	
Dollars in Thousands	FY2021	FY2022	FY2023	FY2024	FY2025	
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
1 - Expenditures, Absorbed Costs*, Transfers Out*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-
2 - Revenues, Transfers In*						
Total	-	-	-	-	-	-
Biennial Total			-			-

Bill Description

The Hometown Heroes Assistance Program applies to firefighters across the state of Minnesota to provide one time critical illness monetary support to firefighters diagnosed with cancer or heart disease who apply for payment. Funds will also be used to develop a counseling program to address emotional trauma and offer up to five counseling sessions per year. If firefighters need additional counseling services those may be offered. Firefighters across the state will receive annual training on cancer, heart disease and emotional trauma. This program would also cover administrative and overhead costs of these activities.

Assumptions

That as long as the Hometown Heroes Assistance program is in place, the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education (MBFTE) will be the fiscal agent to distribute funds to the Minnesota Firefighter Initiative. The funds will all be distributed to Minnesota Firefighter Initiative through a grant agreement and award.

Program administration costs will be minimal and will be absorbed by the MBFTE.

Expenditure and/or Revenue Formula

The funds would be appropriated to the Commissioner of Public Safety and allocated to the MBFTE. MBFTE would grant out the funds to the Minnesota Firefighter Initiative to support these activities. Administrative costs for this initiative will be absorbed by the agency.

Long-Term Fiscal Considerations

If funds become unavailable in the future, MBFTE would not be able to support this program.

Local Fiscal Impact

References/Sources

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