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FISCAL NOTE

FISCAL IMPACT: State Local Statutory Public Entity Conditional No Fiscal Impact

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Prime Sponsor(s): Rep. Ransom
Sen. Lundberg

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BILL TOPIC: ATTORNEY GENERAL AUTHORITY OVER FETAL TISSUE TRANSFERS

Fiscal Impact Summary	FY 2016-2017	FY 2017-2018
State Revenue		
State Expenditures	Minimal workload increase.	
Appropriation Required: None.		
Future Year Impacts: Minimal ongoing workload increase.		

Summary of Legislation

Under current law, physicians and institutions that perform abortions are prohibited from transferring fetal tissue in exchange for valuable consideration to any organization or person that conducts research using fetal tissue or that transplants fetal tissue for therapeutic purposes. This bill transfers enforcement and investigative authority concerning this prohibition from the Department of Public Health and Environment to the Attorney General in the Department of Law. Under the bill, the Attorney General is tasked with investigating any alleged violation of this prohibition.

State Expenditures

The bill increases workload in the Department of Law and reduces workload in the Department of Public Health and Environment related to investigation of prohibited transfers of fetal tissue. Overall, a minimal net increase in workload is expected given that the bill requires investigation by the Attorney General of any alleged violation of the prohibition. While the Attorney General may receive a number of public complaints and inquiries about fetal tissue transfers, it is assumed that less than 50 hours of staff time per year will be required to conduct investigations. In addition, the Department of Law may also be required to conduct rulemaking related to their new responsibilities under the bill. Overall, the workload decrease in the Department of Public Health and Environment and the workload increase in the Department of Law are assumed to be minimal and no adjustments in appropriations are required.

Effective Date

The bill takes effect upon signature of the Governor, or upon becoming law without his signature.

State and Local Government Contacts

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