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Opp. Chamb. Action:

Proposed Amd.:

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ECONOMIC DEVELOP/DEPT

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Places the Department of Economic Development within the office of the lieutenant governor

Present law creates the Department of Economic Development (LED) as one of the twenty executive branch departments authorized by the constitution.

Proposed law places LED within the office of the lieutenant governor. Authorizes the lieutenant governor to appoint a secretary of LED; provides that if a secretary is not appointed, the lieutenant governor shall exercise the duties, functions, and responsibilities of the secretary. Provides that the lieutenant governor shall appoint the undersecretary and assistant secretaries with consent of the Senate. Provides that the secretary, undersecretary, deputy secretary, and each assistant secretary of LED in office on the effective date of this Act shall remain in office until the lieutenant governor otherwise takes action.

EXPENDITURES	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
State Gen. Fd.	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	SEE BELOW	
Agy. Self-Gen.	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Ded./Other	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Federal Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Local Funds	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>\$0</u>
Annual Total						
REVENUES	<u>2022-23</u>	<u>2023-24</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>	<u>5 -YEAR TOTAL</u>
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Annual Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0

EXPENDITURE EXPLANATION

The proposed legislation provides that the lieutenant governor *may* appoint a secretary of the Department of Economic Development (LED) with consent of the Senate. If a secretary is *not* appointed, the lieutenant governor shall perform all duties, functions, and responsibilities of the LED secretary. Should no secretary be appointed, LED would realize a SGF cost savings; however the actual amount and timeframe in which this may occur is indeterminable. For illustrative purposes, costs for the current LED secretary includes \$237,500 salary and \$113,370 in related benefits (for a total of \$350,870).

For purposes of this fiscal note, the LFO assumes that LED would remain as a stand-alone budget unit, but placed within the office of the lieutenant governor, similar in organizational structure to the Department of Culture, Recreation and Tourism. The office of the lieutenant governor provides fiscal services, human resources, information technology, and other administrative services for CRT; however, the proposed legislation does not appear to provide for the transfer of positions to the office of lieutenant governor. To the extent the office of the lieutenant governor is able to provide a similar level of services to LED, this legislation may result in savings from efficiencies and economies of scale in future fiscal years.

REVENUE EXPLANATION

There is no anticipated direct material effect on governmental revenues as a result of this measure.

Senate Dual Referral Rules
 13.5.1 >= \$100,000 Annual Fiscal Cost {S & H}
 13.5.2 >= \$500,000 Annual Tax or Fee Change {S & H}

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 6.8(F)(1) >= \$100,000 SGF Fiscal Cost {H & S}
 6.8(G) >= \$500,000 Tax or Fee Increase or a Net Fee Decrease {S}

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