



**State Fiscal Note for Bill**  
**Number: 2012-H-7540**

**Date of State Budget Office Approval:**

**Date Requested:** Wednesday, March 28, 2012

**Date Due:** Saturday, April 07, 2012

<i>Impact on Expenditures</i>		<i>Impact on Revenues</i>	
FY 2012	\$0.00	FY 2012	\$0.00
FY 2013	\$10,000	FY 2013	\$0.00
FY 2014	\$0.00	FY 2014	\$0.00

*Explanation by State Budget Office:*

This act would require that adaptive equipment be provided for wireless telephones under the adaptive telephone equipment loan program managed by the Department of Human Services for persons certified as deaf, hard of hearing, severely speech impaired, or with neuromuscular impairments by a licensed physician, audiologist, speech pathologist, or a qualified state agency.

*Comments on Sources of Funds:*

The ATEL program is fully funded with general revenues. The transfer of \$10,000 from the PUC is deposited as a general revenue receipt.

*Summary of Facts and Assumptions:*

RIGL 39-1-42 authorizes the Public Utilities Commission to establish and collect a fee on all residence and business telephone lines in the state to fund the services required by this section of law including the adaptive telephone equipment loan (ATEL) program. The PUC is required to remit to the Department of Human Services a total of \$10,000 annually for the ATEL program. This funding is received as a general revenue receipt. This bill does not change the amount to be transferred. However, according to the Department of Human Services, the ATEL program will cost \$93,320 in FY 2012 and \$96,000 in FY 2013.

The Department does not foresee any significant cost increase in the long term as a result of this change. They do not see this as an expansion of the program, but rather a shift in the client needs from landline phones to wireless. This is about client choice. The Department does anticipate some additional one time costs in the first year of the change to provide for outreach and client needs assessments. This is estimated at approximately \$10,000.

*Summary of Fiscal Impact:*

The Department of Human Services estimates that to include adaptive equipment for wireless telephones will have a one-time cost for outreach and client needs assessments of approximately \$10,000 in FY 2013.

*Fiscal Advisor's Approval:*

*Signature:*

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