

## FISCAL NOTE

May 11, 2022

<b>Bill No:</b>	SB 522	<b>Printer's No:</b>	1275	<b>Sponsor:</b>	Sen. Baker (R )
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### COST / (SAVINGS)

Fund (s)	2021-22	2022-23
General Fund	See Below	See Below

**SUMMARY:** SB 522 provides for blood lead testing of certain children and pregnant individuals by healthcare providers. This bill imposes duties on the Department of Health (DOH) and requires certain health insurance policies to cover blood lead tests.

**ANALYSIS:** SB 522 would require universal blood lead testing for pregnant individuals. This requirement does not exist currently. DOH would be required to conduct a public information campaign and distribute literature about the childhood lead poisoning. All materials to be distributed are to be free of charge. Additionally, a statewide registry shall be developed with confidential storage for healthcare providers to review patient history. A health insurance policy or government program shall cover the testing for pregnant individuals and children under 2 years of age. DOH shall promulgate regulations to administer and enforce this bill.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** DOH would require additional staff and equipment to administer this program at a cost of \$931,000. To develop the lead registry would cost \$1.8 million. With the possibility of additional children being enrolled into the MA Program, the Department of Human Services shows a cost of \$143,000 in the current fiscal year and \$284,000 in the next fiscal year.