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SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON KALLANSWAN RESOURCES

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN RESOURCES
AGING SERVICES DIVISION

THE SUBCOMMITTEE ON K-12 AND HUMAN SERVICES DEVELOPED THE FOLLOWING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR THE DIVISION FOR AGING SERVICES BUDGETS REDUCING THE STATE GENERAL FUND APPROPRIATION BY \$1.7 MILLION IN FY 2004 AND \$1.1 MILLION IN FY 2005.

AGING SERVICES GRANTS - (B/A 3140 - Aging, Vol. II, p-1)

THE SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDS CLOSING THE AGING SERVICES GRANTS BUDGET WITH AN INCREASE OF \$1,090,268 IN TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS IN FY 2004 OVER THE AMOUNT IN THE FY 2003 WORK PROGRAM AND A REDUCTION OF \$858,000 IN FY 2005 OVER THE AMOUNT IN FY 2004 DUE TO AN ANTICIPATED REDUCTION IN TOBACCO SETTLEMENT RECEIPTS FOR THIS FISCAL PERIOD. THE TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUNDS DISTRIBUTED TO THIS BUDGET ARE USED TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO SENIORS TO ENABLE THEM TO AVOID INSTITUTIONAL PLACEMENT AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL SERVICES TO SENIORS ADDRESSED IN OTHER BUDGET ACCOUNTS.

THE GOVERNOR'S BUDGET RECOMMENDS FUNDING CASELOAD GROWTH IN ONGOING PROGRAMS, DIRECT SERVICES STAFF, AND PERSONAL ASSISTANCE SERVICES IN ACCORDANCE WITH SENATE BILL 174 (2001 LEGISLATURE) WITH TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONIES. THE SUBCOMMITTEE EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE CONTINUED FUNDING OF PROGRAM EXPANSION FROM TOBACCO SETTLEMENT MONIES. HOWEVER, THE SUBCOMMITTEE CONCURS WITH THE GOVERNOR'S RECOMMENDATION TO