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## **The latest information regarding budget cuts being proposed for consideration by the 82<sup>nd</sup> Texas Legislature –**

Both the House and Senate Committees related to the budget for FY 2012-2013 are nearing completion of their work. The House committee plans to wrap up work either by the end of this week or early next week. The Senate committee is not far behind. The Senate Finance Article II Subcommittee (formerly the Senate Medicaid Subcommittee) will finalize its budget decisions on Home & Community-based Services (HCS) by Friday, March 18, 2011 and is now charged with making recommendations to the full Senate Finance Committee.

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The House Appropriations Committee considered Article II on Tuesday, March 15, 2011.

Prior to voting on it, the following was noted:

- a) \$2 billion GR is being added to the health and human services budget, of which \$1.8 billion of these 'new' funds (contingent on passage of HB 275) will be used to offset/cover caseload growth in various programs that were not identified. **Note:** This money does nothing to fund the \$1.1 billion in General Revenue to needed to serve persons currently in services or to prevent rate reductions from being greater than 10%, not to mention nothing to restore the 10% rate reductions DADS Exceptional Items #1 and #2 respectively.
- b) The remainder of the funds are to used as follows:
  - Approximately \$112.8 million GR is to offset reductions to funds for the safety net services.
  - Approximately \$37.2 million GR to restore relative/care giver rates under DFPS
  - Approximately \$48 million GR to add 461 FTEs (DFPS case workers)

Although several expressed concerns with the lack of funds to address provider rate cuts (in particular Representatives Turner, Dukes and King), the committee passed Article II, as amended.

**Votes:**

**Ayes:** Pitts (chairman), Aycock, Button, Chisum, Crownover, Darby, Gooden, Margo, Miller, Morrison, Patrick, Riddle, Schwertner, Shelton, Torres, Zerwas

**Nays:** Turner (vice chairman), Giddings, Hochberg, Johnson, Susan King, Martinez, McClendon, Villarreal

**Present not voting:** Dukes

**Absent:** Eiland, Otto

*We encourage concerned citizens to contact members of the House Appropriations Committee who voted "aye" for Article II – (highlighted in red).*

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**82nd Legislature - House Appropriations Committee**

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**82nd Legislature - Senate Finance Committee**

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