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NO FISCAL IMPACT

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Rep. Frangas**Bill Status:** Signed into Law**Fiscal Analyst:** Amy Larsen (303-866-3488)

TITLE: CONCERNING THE STATUTORY CREATION OF THE EXISTING OFFICE OF HEALTH DISPARITIES IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT.**Summary of Assessment**

The bill establishes in statute the Office of Health Disparities in the Department of Public Health and Environment to work toward elimination of racial, ethnic, and rural health disparities. The Office of Health Disparities is to coordinate and support the Minority Health Advisory Commission and the Interagency Health Disparities Leadership Council. In addition, the office administers the Health Disparities Grant Program established by HB05-1262.

The bill codifies the current structure in the Department of Public Health and Environment and does not require additional funding. The Office of Health Disparities was allocated \$276,000 from private funds and 3.0 FTE for FY 2006-07. In addition, the Health Disparities Grant Program continues to receive funding from tobacco tax revenue. Therefore, this bill is assessed as having no fiscal impact.

Background. The Executive Director of the Department of Public Health and Environment created the Office of Health Disparities and the Minority Health Advisory Commission in 2004 as part of a public health improvement plan. In addition, voter approval of Amendment 35 at the 2004 General Election and enabling legislation established the Health Disparities Grant Program with funding from new tobacco tax revenue.

The bill was signed by the Governor and became law on May 15, 2007.

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