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FISCAL ANALYSIS

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HOUSE BILL 4436 AS REPORTED W/O AMENDMENT

Sponsor: Rep. Rose Bogardus

House Committee: Regulatory Reform

FLOOR ANALYSIS - 2/21/02

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SUMMARY

The bill makes it a felony when a person furnishes alcohol to a minor and the consumption of the alcohol is a direct and substantial cause of the death of the minor or any other person. This expands current law provisions which make it a felony only in the case of the death of the minor. The bill provides for a penalty of up to 10 years imprisonment, a civil fine of up to \$5,000, or both. Local revenue from civil fines would increase by an indeterminate amount to the extent what violations of the expanded provision occur. The impact, however, is likely to be negligible.