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House Committee on Health

HB 0893, Relating to the Dietitian Licensure Special Fund

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Director of Health
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1 **Department's Position:** Strong Support.

2 **Fiscal Implications:** Decreases General Fund dependency.

3 **Purpose and Justification:** This bill is part of the Governor's Administrative Package. HB 893 is a
4 housekeeping bill that establishes expenditure limits necessary for the department to expend these funds
5 to offset operational costs; current statute does not adequately identify expenditure limits.

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7 The Dietitian Licensure Special Fund is an existing fund into which fees for profession licensing are
8 deposited. The State's dietitian licensure program was implemented by the department in August 2012
9 and issued licenses to 12 dietitians as of November 30, 2012, with more applications in process.

10 Licensure fees totaling approximately \$3,000 have been collected and deposited into the Special Fund.

11 Once this bill becomes law, the department will be able to expend moneys in support of the licensure
12 program.

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14 Thank you for the opportunity to testify.