

To: Marilyn B. Tavenner

Secretary of Health and Human Resources

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**Executive Director** 

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Re: HB 110 Reporting Requirements

1. During the 2005-2006 fiscal year the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research (IALR) welcomed 357 senior citizens<sup>1</sup> to various programs. This was the pilot year for these programs, so the amount targeted during the 2004-2005 fiscal year was zero.

2. The services senior citizens currently use at the Institute for Advanced Learning and Research are:

Technology instruction

Computer usage

Digital cameras

Microsoft office suite

Internet navigation

eBay

Web based e-mail

Interactive panel discussions

Horticulture research

Community engagement

Regional public policy

Motorsports research and development

Recreation

Language

Dance

The programs targeted at this population are typically met with great demand. Due to funding and capacity constraints, the IALR often has waiting lists for many of the Technology Instruction workshops to meet the interest of the senior citizen population.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Senior Citizen is defined as 65 and older. We are unable to provide the specific numbers which fall into the designated categories.

- 3. IALR programs fit into the following categories:
  - Health Care/Wellness

Senior Citizen Lunch and Learn

Education

Senior Citizen Lunch and Learn Community Computer Workshops

Recreation

Russian for Beginners Shag lessons

- 4. The IALR does not currently offer publications or web-sites specifically designed to be "senior-friendly"; however the IALR web-site can be easily adapted to accommodate these needs.
- 5. The IALR plans to continue offering both Technology instruction and Educational opportunities for the senior citizen population. There are also plans to offer additional discounted rates for senior groups and lunches.