**Summary**

During the 2006 General Session, the Legislature created the Teacher Resources Program (TRP). The program provides resources to certain Informal Science Education Enhancement (iSEE) organizations to expand their programs in order to reach more students through the training and support of teachers. Since the creation, the TRP has grown into a permanent part of each organization’s iSEE outreach program.

**Budget Detail**

When the program was created, organizations participating in the iSEE program could apply for funding through the TRP. Each organization was required to demonstrate the additive nature (in terms of more students/teachers served or program quality) of their proposal. Four organizations applied for funding.

Since FY 2010, the ongoing appropriation for the program has been $417,100. Figure 1 shows the allocation of program funding by organization.

**Budget Recommendations**

The TRP program has become an integral part of the education outreach program provided by the organizations listed in Figure 1. Program management at both the State Board of Education and within each organization could be simplified if the TRP grants were combined with each participating organization’s iSEE grant. Currently, the State Board of Education must execute and track two grant awards for each organization.

**Recommendation**

The Analyst recommends that the Legislature eliminate the appropriation for the Teacher Resources Program, transfer the funding to the Informal Science Education Enhancement program, and direct the State Board of Education to combine the grant amounts listed in Figure 1 to each organization’s iSEE grant award beginning in FY 2017.