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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Gorham	DATE TYPED:	1/28/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Auditory Oral Education			SB	91
				ANALYST:	Esquibel

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Health

Commission for Deaf and Hard of Hearing Persons did not respond

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The bill appropriates \$100.0 to the Department of Health (DOH) to contract with a medical-education institution that provides intensive specialized auditory oral education to provide auditory oral education and follow-up treatment to deaf students who have been treated surgically with multi-channel cochlear implants.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill appropriates \$100.0 in general fund in FY01 to DOH.

DOH indicates education for individuals with multi-channel cochlear implants may cost as much as \$36.0 per student per year in a residential school for the deaf.

DOH indicates a school in Albuquerque provides specialized auditory and oral education services which are funded using a sliding fee scale for parents who cannot afford the \$18.0 per year tuition. However, most parents pay a very small portion of the tuition, with public school districts providing another portion of the cost. The remainder of the tuition costs are sometimes raised through private donations.

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