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### FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Rodarte	DATE TYPED:	01/27/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	State Support for Nursing Facilities			SB	126
				ANALYST:	Taylor

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 2,500.0			Recurring	General Fund
	\$ 6,502.5			Recurring	Federal Funds

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Human Services Department (HSD)

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 126 appropriates \$2.5 million from the state general fund to the Human Services Department to provide funds for the recruitment, retention and salary enhancement of direct care providers in New Mexico's licensed nursing homes. The bill prohibits the department and nursing home facilities receiving the money from using any of it for administrative purposes.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The general fund cost is \$2.5 million. HSD reports that the general fund appropriation would leverage \$6.5 million in federal funds.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

HSD analysis notes the legislation would require them to restructure rates to pass through salary increases and to develop policies to track nursing home salary payments. They also report that to implement the increases provided in the bill their medical management information system will need to be changed.

## **SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

HSD notes the bill does not define direct care providers. They suggest amending the bill so there is no question as to which providers are to be provided salary increases.

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