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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Gonzales DATE TYPED: 02/27/03 HB 643
 SHORT TITLE: Taos Food Sector Opportunity Program SB _____
 ANALYST: Padilla

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$250.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 303

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Department of Finance and Administration

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 643 appropriates \$250.0 from the General Fund to the DFA's Local Government Divisions for the purpose of funding operational, material and travel costs to implement the Taos Food Sector Opportunity Program.

Significant Issues

DFA questions why an economic development program is being given to DFA's Local Government Division.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the General Fund.

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DFA notes that the bill assigns responsibilities to the Local Government Division without providing funds to adequately carry them out.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Will the program duplicate efforts of the Taos Food Center?
2. Is the program tied to Taos County Indigent Services?

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