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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Martinez	DATE TYPED:	02/05/03	НВ	
SHORT TITL	E: Tierra Amarilla Pris	oner Transfer Costs		SB	311
		ANALYST:		YST:	Martinez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$310.0	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Finance and Administration
Department of Corrections

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 311 appropriates \$310.0 from the general fund to the local government division of the department of finance and administration for expenditure in fiscal years 2003 and 2004 to defray the county's cost of transporting prisoners from Tierra Amarilla to Santa Fe by the Rio Arriba County Sheriff's department. Unexpended balance at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund. This legislation includes an emergency clause.

Significant Issues

According to the Department of Finance and Administration, this legislation assigns additional responsibilities to LGD-DFA without providing the necessary funds to adequately carry them out.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$310.0 is a recurring expense, since the counties will inevitably continue to encumber these costs year after year.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

- 1. Why are these costs not automatically included in the county budget?
- 2. Upon approval of this appropriation, will other counties expect the same appropriation to their respective counties for the same purpose? Will this cause a continued strain to the state general fund budget?
- 3. What is the cost break down for the transportation of each prisoner? How many prisoners have been transported in the last fiscal year?

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