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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-24-06

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 153

SHORT TITLE TAOS COUNTY ARTICULATED LAND-USE SB _____

MAP

ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$35.0	Non-Rec	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 153 appropriates \$35 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for preparation of an articulated land-use map for Taos County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$35 thousand contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA indicated that Taos County currently has only a general land use map, with agricultural zoning shown for the bulk of its private land use. It is revising its land use regulations to emulate the zoning in place in Rio Arriba County, which designates riparian lands as agricultural and prevents development on acequia watered agricultural parcels on more than 20 percent of that

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land. Taos County wants to map land use on a watershed basis and specifically show lands that are working farms and ranches, in contrast to lands that are fallow or lacking water rights. DFA noted that Taos County updated its comprehensive plan in 2005. This year it will change subdivision and zoning ordinances to track the policies embodied in the plan. HB153 will enable the county to update its land use map to eliminate guesswork on what the county will allow or won't allow on lands in the county.

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