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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/07

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 668

SHORT TITLE Taos Drug & Alcohol Abuse Rehabilitation SB _____

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB 672

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 668 would appropriate \$50,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health for expenditure in FY08 to contract for long-term drug and alcohol treatment in Taos County. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the FY08 shall revert to the General Fund

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes that HB 668 is not part of the DOH executive budget request.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH notes that House Bill 668 would appropriate funding for contracting in Taos County where there is presently only one major substance abuse provider capable of providing the services identified in the bill.

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Substance abuse was identified as contributing in 43% of all Taos County motor vehicle related fatalities in 2003.

DOH notes HB688 would appropriate substance abuse behavioral health funding directly to a single agency rather than through the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative. This would diminish the purpose of the Collaborative which is to coordinate all behavioral health services in New Mexico.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB 672, which appropriates \$84 thousand for expenditure in FY08 to contract for alcohol and substance abuse treatment services in Talpa, located in Taos County.

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