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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/19/07

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1136

SHORT TITLE Taos & Colfax Mental Health & Drug Treatment SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1136 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department for the purpose of expanding mental health and substance abuse treatment services and suicide intervention in Taos and Colfax counties by an entity that serves both counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HSD notes the bill does not likely have any fiscal impact for Medicaid, although the department will look at the possibility of matching these state dollars with federal Medicaid dollars. If the Behavioral Health Services Division is transferred to HSD, that division would be the likely recipient of the funds. The funds would then presumably flow through, and be managed by, the

contracted Statewide Entity, Value Options New Mexico.

The Department of Corrections comments that the bill appropriates money to HSD, not to DOC. Thus, there is no direct fiscal impact on the Department. However, if the bill enables certain Taos and Colfax county residents to receive mental health and substance abuse treatment services or more such services, it reduces the likelihood that certain individuals will commit new crimes (while mentally ill or under the influence of drugs or alcohol). Thus, it could indirectly lead to fewer convictions, and thus a decrease in the Department's prison population and probation/parole caseloads.

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