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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/20/13

SPONSOR Salazar LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 250

SHORT TITLE Senior Citizen Programs SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Esquibel

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation |           | Recurring<br>or Nonrecurring | Fund<br>Affected |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY13          | FY14      |                              |                  |
|               | \$4,896.6 | Recurring                    | General Fund     |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB506, NM Senior Citizen Programs  
Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 250 (HB 250) would appropriate a total of \$4.9 million in general fund revenue to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) for the six area agencies on aging that provide senior services including adult daycare, case management, congregate meals, home-delivered meals, in home services, transportation and senior center services; for volunteer programs including foster grandparents, senior companions and retired senior volunteers; and for senior health promotion activities including senior olympics.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$4.9 million contained in HB 250 is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY14 shall revert to the general fund.

The appropriation contained in HB 250 is \$3,183.1 above the Executive recommendation of an additional \$1,713.5 for aging network services in FY14, and \$3,906.1 above the LFC

recommendation of an additional \$990.5 for aging network services in FY14. The appropriation contained in HB 250 is \$3,527.8 above the House Appropriations and Finance Committee adopted increase for an additional \$1,368.8 for aging network services.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The ALTSD indicates consolidation of certain program sites, increased use of volunteers and enhanced fund-raising efforts has enabled local aging network providers to maintain support to seniors currently receiving services. Aging network providers include small non-profit organizations, and local and tribal governments.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Aging network services help families remain together, at home, in their own communities and create a safety net for the vast majority of New Mexico's elders, those who don't qualify for Medicaid but whose resources are limited, and those whose families are stretched to capacity caring for loved ones at home. Employment and volunteer opportunities enable older adults to remain active, vital members of their communities. Financial subsidies offered by the employment programs and some of the volunteer programs help seniors maintain their economic independence.

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