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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/26/16

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Rural Foster Grandparent Programs SB 181

ANALYST Chenier

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$75.0	\$75.0	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 181 appropriates \$75 thousand dollars to the Aging and Long Term Services Department to enhance and expand foster grandparent and senior companion programs into rural areas in Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Guadalupe counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75 thousand dollars contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ALTSD provided the following background information for similar legislation in 2015 (SB339):

The proposed funding is intended to be contracted to the current foster grandparent and senior companion program contractors in Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Guadalupe counties to enable more foster grandparents to be placed in local area schools and senior companions to be placed in the homes of frail elders.

The Foster Grandparent Program offers meaningful part-time volunteer opportunities to persons with low incomes, aged 55 and older, who provide one-to-one supportive services to children with special or exceptional needs. Foster Grandparents serve in health and social service settings and help address children’s physical or psychosocial needs.

The Senior Companion Program offers meaningful part-time volunteer opportunities to persons with low incomes, aged 55 and older, who provide supportive one-to-one services to older adults who need assistance remaining independent in their own homes. Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions receive stipends to support their volunteer work, enhancing their economic independence and contributing to the community’s economic development. Persons who serve as Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions remain physically and mentally active and enhance their self-esteem through continued participation in their communities. Both programs benefit both those who receive services – children and frail elders – as well as those who provide the services – the Foster Grandparents and Senior Companions.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The ALTSD currently contracts with a number of providers statewide to operate foster grandparent and senior companion programs. The ALTSD has the staff and capacity to contract these additional funds with no added administrative burden.

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