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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos ORIGINAL DATE 2/10/17  
 LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Rural Foster and Senior Programs SB 310

ANALYST Chenier

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)  
 Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund 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 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY18 shall revert to the general fund.

ALTSD stated that they have the staff and capacity to contract these additional funds to volunteer programs without added administrative burden.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ALTSD stated that the proposed funding in this bill would enhance and expand the current foster

grandparent and senior companion programs in Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Guadalupe counties. The funding would enable more foster grandparents to be placed in local area schools and more 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. 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. 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.

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