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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

Martinez, R.  
/Lara/Martinez, J.      **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/29/2020  
**SPONSOR** /Sanchez/Nilbert      **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** 251  
**SHORT TITLE** Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging      **SB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ANALYST** Klundt

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 251 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to the Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD) to staff, equip and operate two regional offices for the Non-Metro Area Agency on Aging (AAA) in Planning Services Area three (PSA3) in Eastern New Mexico and Planning Services Area four (PSA4) in Southern New Mexico. Funding shall revert in fiscal year 2022.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2022 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ALTSD reported in 2015 the Non-Metro AAA closed the PSA3 and PSA4 offices, making it challenging to provide technical assistance and support to local contracted providers.

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Under the Older American's Act, the Area Agency on Aging is responsible for assessing the needs of older persons within its respective PSA.

PSA 3: Non-Metro AAA (operated under the umbrella of the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District) covers 11 counties in eastern New Mexico, encompassing 37,592 square miles. It is largely composed of the Great Plains and extends from Union County on the Colorado border to Eddy County in the South.

PSA 4: Non-Metro AAA (operated under the umbrella of the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District) is the second largest of the PSAs and encompasses 8 counties located in south central and southwestern New Mexico.

The agency reported the Aging Network is experiencing increased demand for meals, transportation, homemakers, respite care and other in-home services and local non-profit and municipality operated program providers required technical support and oversight by local Non-Metro AAA regional offices.

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