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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Taylor, J.G.	DATE TYPED:	02/24/01	HB	598
SHORT TITLE: Study Southwest Quadrant of Bernalillo)	SB	
	ANALYST:			YST:	Padilla

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained			Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring	Fund
FY01		FY02	FY01	FY02	or Non-Rec	Affected
\$	85.0				Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Department of Labor (DOL)

No Response Received:

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) Taxation and Revenue Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 598 appropriates \$85.0 from the general fund to DFA's Local Government Division for the purpose of conducting an economic and geographic study of the southwest quadrant of Bernalillo county.

Significant Issues

The bill does not explain the purpose or purposes of the study.

The bill allows expenditure in fiscal years 2001 and 2002.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$85.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation contained in this bill would presumably be used to contract out the requested study. DFA would be the contracting agency.

A number of state agencies and higher education institutions conduct and use demographic and economic studies, including the Taxation and Revenue Department, the New Mexico Department of Labor and the University of New Mexico. The appropriation in this bill might be more effectively made to one of these entities, which could integrate the work of the study into its ongoing activities.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Would more information about the purpose of the study help policymakers evaluate the benefit of the appropriation?

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