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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: King DATE TYPED: 2-19-01 HB 712
 SHORT TITLE: Future Teachers Program SB _____
 ANALYST: Segura

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 350.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act. Duplicates SB 594, related to SB12, and Hb 324

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

State Department of Education SDE

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 712 appropriates \$350.0 to create a “ Future Teachers Program” aimed at recruiting students from grade 6 through post-secondary education into the teaching profession.

Significant Issues

House Bill 712 is aligned with the goals of the Teacher Education Accountability Council (TEAC), established to improve the recruitment, preparation, induction, and development of New Mexico’s teaching force. The council was co-chaired by the State Superintendent of Public Schools and the Executive Director of Higher Education.

According to SDE, New Mexico is currently facing a shortage of approximately 1,500 teachers per year. New Mexico’s colleges of education only prepare approximately 1,300 students per year. This gap between teacher supply and demand is further increased by existing teacher retirements and attrition.

The bill appropriates general fund to SDE, to carry out the provisions of the program. It authorizes SDE to enter into a contractual agreement with a nonprofit organization for the design, implementation, monitoring, and evaluation of the program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 712 appropriates \$350.0 from the general fund and is recurring. SDE indicates that the department will partner with a non-profit organization in developing and implementing a recruitment program. SDE would serve as the fiscal agent.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 712 duplicates SB 594 and relates to SB 12.

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