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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Carraro	DATE TYPED:	01/22/02	HB	
SHORT TITLE: Community-Based C		Cancer Patient Services		SB	28

ANALYST: Esquibel

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		A		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$275.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates <u>\$122.5</u> appropriation currently contained in the General Appropriation Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

<u>Responses Received</u> Department of Health (DOH)

<u>No Response</u> Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 28 appropriates \$275.0 from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of providing comprehensive community-based cancer patient support services for cancer patients with any type of cancer, including education, patient library services, one-to-one matching with cancer veterans, survivorship support groups and an annual statewide survivorship conference.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$275.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY03 shall revert to the general fund.

DOH reports it currently contracts for cancer patient and survivor support services in the amount of \$122.5 primarily in the Albuquerque metropolitan area. Cancer survivors in rural areas of the state

often go unserved.

Additionally, the appropriation contained in the bill could be used to match federal funds under the federal Breast and Cervical Cancer Detection and Control Program. The General Appropriation Act currently contains \$1 million in tobacco settlement funds in the Human Services Department for this federal program.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DOH reports that there may be as many as 160,000 people currently seeking cancer support services in New Mexico.

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