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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR King DATE TYPED 2/06/04 HB 423

SHORT TITLE Teamworks Program SB _____

ANALYST Kehoe

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$200.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act and Senate Bill 267

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 423 appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department for the purpose of improving and expanding the teamworks program of the Commission on the Status of Women.

Significant Issues

The teamworks program is the commission's major workforce development activity for women making the transition from welfare to work. Located in Las Cruces and Albuquerque, the community- and team-based program offers life and employability skills training, computer training, help with overcoming barriers to employment (transportation, child care, domestic violence, substance abuse, proper work clothing, etc.) internships, and job search and retention assistance.

According to CSW, its client base has grown by 20-25 clients annually without an increasing in funding, clients have a substantially lower level of literacy and education, and more clients are burdened with severe barriers in the areas of domestic violence, substance abuse, mental health and legal issues. Under a new agreement with the Human Service Department, teamworks is required to serve an additional 200 clients in fiscal year 2005. The funding in this bill would

provide the resources to address the needs of the growing client base by providing more intense case management, legal representation and a tailored curriculum addressing social issues prior to providing skills training for employment and placement.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200 thousand from the general fund contained in this bill is a recurring expense. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Current funding for the teamworks program is derived from the temporary assistance for needy families (TANF) federal funds appropriated to the Human Services Department. The sponsor may want to consider amending the bill to reflect the appropriation contained in the bill as federal funds rather than general funds.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 2 proposes \$1.2 million for the teamworks program; Senate Bill 267 proposes \$1.5 million for the program.

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