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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lujan, B DATE TYPED 2/23/05 HB 680

SHORT TITLE Task Force to End Hunger SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$40.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 680 appropriates \$40 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department Income Support Division for the purpose of continuing the work with the task force to end hunger. Qualified expenditures include salary, benefits, office costs and other expenses.

Significant Issues

The Department of Health contributes the following.

A Governor's Hunger Summit was held in 2003 for the sole purpose of determining the state of hunger and food insecurity in New Mexico. From this summit the Task Force to End Hunger emerged and has met regularly over the last year analyzing the challenges and problems identified by the summit participants. In October 2004 the steering committee of the Task Force to End Hunger produced the report "Together We Can: Ending Hunger in New Mexico" which proposes tangible steps to reach the following goals to end hunger and improve the nutritional environment for all New Mexicans.

- Develop and support a sustainable statewide food system through community –based solutions with statewide coordination
- Increase the number of students participating in school-based nutrition programs.
- Maximize participation in existing food programs.
- Improve the nutrition environment in New Mexico
- Ensure that New Mexicans have the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to choose and consume a healthy diet.
- Increase the capacity of the New Mexico Association of Food Banks Statewide network.

The Human Services Department adds.

HSD/ISD is fully involved and fully supportive of the Task Force to End Hunger in New Mexico. ISD has provided staff for this Task Force and will continue to do so. Any expenditures for USDA services could be matched w/Federal funds that would flow through HSD.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$40 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

MW/yr