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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-6-06

SPONSOR King LAST UPDATED _____ HB 672

SHORT TITLE Maternal and Child Health Programs SB _____

ANALYST Collard

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$3,300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 292
Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY06	FY07	FY08	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$71.5	\$71.5	\$143.0	Recurring	General Fund

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 672 appropriates \$3.3 million from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of funding maternal and child health programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$3.3 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH indicates it is not clear whether this bill would fund a variety of maternal and child health services statewide; however, it is possible that the bill is intended to be used for health councils funded by the Public Health Division (PHD) pursuant to the County Maternal and Child Health Plan Act (CMCHPA). Since the implementation of the CMCHPA, the number of county and community based health councils funded by PHD has grown progressively in order to expand the number of communities with health council representation. Currently, PHD funds a health council in each of the thirty-three (33) New Mexico counties and in four (4) Native American communities. While the number of health councils funded has increased since FY2001, the level of available funds for health councils through the CMCHPA has remained the same or decreased.

DOH notes funding through the CMCHPA has encouraged and supported local efforts to identify and address locally identified health needs and priorities. Maternal and Child Health services funded through the CMCHPA are those identified as priorities in each health councils' comprehensive plan.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH indicates this appropriation would require 1 additional FTE at a cost of \$60 thousand for salary and benefits and \$11.5 thousand for start-up costs for a computer, office furniture and supplies, etc.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 672 relates to House Bill 292 which appropriates \$100 thousand to DOH for maternal and child health services in Socorro County. Additionally, the House Appropriations and Finance Committee substitute for House Bill 2 contains \$2.8 million for maternal and child health programs.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DOH suggests the following amendment, on line 17 after "2007, replace the remainder of the line with "for health council services related to the County Maternal and Child Health Plan Act."

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