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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/06

SPONSOR Smith LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Prisoner Transfer Expenses SB 526

ANALYST Peery

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$580.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance Administration (DFA)
New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

No Response Received From

NM Association of Counties (NMAC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 526 appropriates \$580.0 from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance Administration to pay the following counties' expenses of transferring prisoners in the following amounts: \$330,000 for Luna county, \$150,000 for Sierra county and \$100,000 for Hidalgo county.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$580.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

DFA states the proposed legislation has a non-recurring appropriation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMCD reports county jails are usually the first place that parole violators are detained. NMCD states the proposed legislation would fund the costs associated with detention of parole violators and their transfer to the Corrections Department Reception and Diagnostic Center. NMCD further states once offenders are sentenced by the courts to the Corrections Department the proposed appropriation will fund the transportation costs from these counties.

DFA states the proposed legislation is an attempt to assist counties with the rising cost of detention. DFA reports the appropriation of \$580,000 would assist Luna, Sierra and Hidalgo counties in combating these increasing expenses associated with transportation of prisoners.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA reports the department has in place in the Local Government Division a process that allows local governments to receive reimbursements of any type of allowable expense.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The proposed legislation has a relationship to House Bill 414, House Bill 426, House Bill 516, House Bill 587, House Bill 564, House Bill 498, House Bill 563, House Bill 264, Senate Bill 308, Senate Bill 532, Senate Bill 411, Senate Bill 546 and Senate Bill 419.

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