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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/01/07

SPONSOR Wirth LAST UPDATED _____ HB 263

SHORT TITLE North Central NM Breast Cancer Center SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$600.0	recurring	general fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department Of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 263 appropriates \$600 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 for St. Vincent Regional Medical Center (SVRMC) to create a comprehensive breast cancer center to serve the women of north central New Mexico, including recruitment of a breast cancer surgeon, establishment of a facility for breast cancer prevention and a screening system for early intervention.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$600 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund. The appropriation proposed in this bill is not included in the executive budget recommendation for FY08.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH reports that from 1994-2003, the age-adjusted incidence of breast cancer in New Mexico was 116.1 per 100,000 women, compared to rates of 149.1 in Santa Fe County, 131.3 in Los Alamos County, and 119.6 in Taos County. From 1993-2003 the age-adjusted mortality rate of

breast cancer in New Mexico was 24.4 per 100,000 women, compared to rates of 27.4 in Santa Fe County, 27.1 in Mora County, 19.1 in Los Alamos County, and 20.0 in Taos County. Additionally, the New Mexico Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) data from 2002 and 2004 showed that fewer than 50% of women ages 40 years and older living in Mora County reported having had a mammogram in the last 1-2 years.

SVRMC is the major regional medical center for a 19,000 square-mile area covering seven counties. It is the largest hospital facility north of Albuquerque and south of Pueblo, Colorado. Since 2003, SVRMC has been a contracted breast cancer screening and diagnostic provider for the Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection (BCC) Program at DOH. The BCC Program provides age-appropriate accepted standard-of-care breast and cervical cancer screening and diagnostic services to underserved women ages 30 years and older, income below 250% of poverty level, and uninsured or underinsured. The BCC Program also partners with 13 other contracted providers in north central New Mexico.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DOH further reports that in 2004, Hispanics comprised more than 50% of the total population in four counties (Rio Arriba, Taos, Mora, and San Miguel) in north central New Mexico. A greater proportion of Hispanic women (16.4%) report never having had a mammogram compared to white non-Hispanic women (11.8%).

ALTERNATIVES

The creation of a comprehensive breast cancer center might complement existing services. Currently there is a breast cancer specialty care clinic at the Cancer Institute of New Mexico located in Santa Fe. The Institute's services include screening, diagnosis, and treatment of breast cancer by a team of specialists.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB 382 relates to:

- HB 263, which would appropriate \$600,000 to the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY 2008 for St. Vincent Regional Medical Center (SVRMC) for the creation of a comprehensive breast cancer center to serve the women of north central New Mexico.
- SB 357, which would appropriate \$250,000 from the general fund to DOH to be spent in FY08 through FY10 to provide a cancer patient navigation program.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

No additional State funding will be available to the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 for St. Vincent Regional Medical Center (SVRMC) to create a comprehensive breast cancer center to serve the women of north central New Mexico.

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