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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/07

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 672

SHORT TITLE Taos County Substance Abuse Treatment SB _____

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$84.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB 668

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 672 would appropriate \$84,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health for expenditure in FY08 to contract for alcohol and substance abuse treatment services in Talpa, located in Taos County, including curriculum materials and professional and administrative services. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the FY08 shall revert to the General Fund

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes that HB 672 is not part of the DOH executive budget request. HB 672 would appropriate substance abuse behavioral health funding directly to a single agency rather than through the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative. DOH believes that this would diminish the purpose of the Collaborative which is to coordinate all behavioral health services in New Mexico.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Talpa is a residential community of approximately 800 residents located about 5 miles south of Taos. There is one small substance abuse program named “In God We Trust” located in Talpa. The program consists of two staff and is primarily a twelve step program with one-on-one and group interventions. Current treatment for substance abuse problems in Taos County is primarily provided by Taos-Colfax Community Services, Inc. located in Taos.

HB 672 would earmark funding to the only provider in Talpa. This agency is currently part of the Value Options New Mexico (VONM) network and receives \$19,500 to provide services.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB 668, which appropriates \$50 thousand for long-term drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation in Taos County.

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