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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/16/2007

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED _____ HB 702

SHORT TITLE San Miguel Adult Day Care Hours SB _____

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 702 appropriates \$50,000 from the General Fund to ALTSD for expenditure in FY08 to fund a pilot program extending hours for adult day care in San Miguel County to a full workday.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

An Adult day care center is a facility required to be licensed pursuant to these regulations which provides care, services and supervision to three (3) or more adults, who because of diminished mental or physical capacity find it difficult to care for themselves in their own residence during the day. An adult day care center may be located in any building which meets the applicable state, local building, and safety codes.

Adult Day Care Services is one component of the Home and Community-Based Service Delivery System for older adults. Adult Day Care is a cost effective way to support caregivers in the care of their loved ones.

The Aging and Long-Term Services Department adult day care programs are required to utilize the licensing requirements set forth by the NM Department of Health, Public Health Division, Health Facility Licensing and Certification Bureau (Regulations for Adult Day Care Facilities 7 NMAC 13.2).

The Department has stated that ALTSD has the capacity to implement the funding with existing staff and systems.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Aging and Long-Term Services Department points out that Senior Centers are the backbone of the Aging Network. Senior Centers are the first point of contact for information about resources and opportunities for seniors of all income and ability levels. More than 200 senior centers serve New Mexico's senior populations. There are four Senior Centers in San Miguel County:

1. Mora/San Miguel Senior Citizens, Inc.
2. Mora/San Miguel Pecos Senior Center
3. Las Vegas Senior Center
4. San Miguel Del Vado - Ribera

According to ALTSD, adult day care services are not currently available in San Miguel County through Senior Centers. The opening of an adult day care facility in San Miguel County would require licensing prior to implementation of services. The regulations address a wide range of standards to ensure that participants receive safe and adequate services and that the health, safety and welfare of participants and employees are protected.

The Adult Protective Services Division, under certain circumstances, can contract for the provision of adult day care services to provide an organized, structured, community-based program of therapeutic services and activities for adults with impaired ability to perform activities of daily living. Adult day care is provided for two or more hours a day, on a regularly scheduled basis, one or more days per week, in a licensed facility.

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