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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/12/07

SPONSOR     K. Martinez     LAST UPDATED                      HB   1004  

SHORT TITLE   Regional Planning Commission Powers & Duties   SB                     

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1004 provides an alternative method for collecting member dues for regional planning districts, also known as councils of governments. It also broadens planning district powers on contracts, grants, and property.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA reports that the seven regional planning districts in New Mexico are authorized under State law to collect dues from their member local governments. For some districts, however, collection of dues, used for basic operations as well as match of state and federal grants, can be uneven, untimely, and insufficient. HB 1004 attempts to correct this situation mainly in two ways. First, it authorizes planning districts organized under the Regional Planning Act to direct the county treasurers to disburse directly the amount of the participating government's contribution to the regional planning commission for that regional planning area, with the approval of the contribution by the governing body of the local government, certification by the director of the commission of the amount of the contribution, and final approval of the local government's budget by the Local Government Division. Second, it authorizes planning districts organized under the Regional Planning Act to enter into contracts with other government entities to

operate, manage, supervise and implement programs, projects or activities; accept grants and contributions from state, federal and local governments or federally recognized Indian nations, tribes or pueblos; and acquire, purchase or lease real and personal property.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

While there is no fiscal impact to the State, as the current allocation from the State to councils of governments (\$124,886 per council) is not affected, local government members of regional planning districts may have a different and/or increased dues to pay to their districts.

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