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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/08

SPONSOR Garcia, M.P. LAST UPDATED _____ HB 329

SHORT TITLE Albuquerque Community Bicycle Program SB _____

ANALYST Escudero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 329 requests an appropriation of \$25.0 from the general fund to the local government division of the Department of Finance and Administration to contract with a community organization that serves the west central metropolitan redevelopment area in the city of Albuquerque to implement a community bicycle program to restore and repair donated used bicycles for needy children and families to promote a healthy and active lifestyle.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Requesting \$25.0 to be appropriated from the general fund to the local government division of the Department of Finance and Administration for fiscal years 2009 and 2010. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Bicycle donation, repair, and refurbishment programs are a growing part of the community involvement sector, and CYFD supports such programs in New Mexico, such as the Bicycle/Recycle Program in Grant County, which teaches children, under adult supervision, to assemble, disassemble, repair, adjust, service, and safely ride donated bicycles. During its first

year, the Grant County program refurbished more than 400 donated bicycles, including 22 almost-new bikes donated by WalMart. Due to rising gasoline prices and a renewed focus on health and the environment, bicycles are a growth industry, and bicycle repair a highly employable skill set.

This bill does not indicate how the needy children and families would be identified for the bicycle donation program. Depending on how the children and families are identified, and how the restoration and repair process is approached, CYFD clients may benefit from the program.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

This is a worthy project helping needy children. However, is there any risk or liability incurred by the organization or the city when these bicycles are given to the children? A waiver could be signed, releasing the risk from the organization or the city of Albuquerque.

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