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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/26/08

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 360

SHORT TITLE Las Vegas Special Olympics SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 360 appropriates \$75 thousand from the General Fund to DOH to Las Vegas Special Olympics to support individuals with disabilities participating in the Las Vegas Special Olympics.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75 thousand contained in this bill and directed to DOH for the Las Vegas Special Olympics, is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the General Fund.

The appropriation included in HB 360 is not part of DOH's Executive Budget Request for expenditure in FY09. Special Olympics currently has a \$200 thousand appropriation through the DOH to meet the above mentioned goals statewide. Both DFA and LFC maintained the \$200 thousand in contracts within the base budget of DDS. DOH claims that passage of this bill will increase that to \$275,000 under contracts, which will be placed in the base budget and become recurring.

## **House Bill 360 – Page 2**

The DOH is required to follow the procurement code when distributing funds greater than \$30 thousand.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

House Bill 360 will target funding to Las Vegas Special Olympics for registration fees, equipment, travel, board, lodging and uniforms for athletes with mental, physical or developmental disabilities participating in Olympic-style competitive events.

Special Olympics training programs, local competitions and area level competitions are offered at no cost to the athlete. Every athlete, however, is required to pay a registration fee or a lodging fee for participation in state competitions. Many local Special Olympics programs conduct fundraisers or arrange sponsorships by local businesses to underwrite all transportation and state competition fees.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

House Bill 360 relates to Program Area 7 and the goal of the DOH Strategic Plan to increase independence and quality of life for individuals with developmental disabilities.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The DOH will be required to administrate the funds.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

New Mexico is divided into six geographic areas which operate a year-round Special Olympics program that serves over 2,400 athletes, offering training and competition in 15 sports. Prior to any competition, all athletes engage in an extensive training program for a minimum of eight weeks. Athletes develop fitness and sports skills, and learn rules and strategies from their coaches, officials, and games management team members.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

The new “self-directed” DD waiver program allows certain active waiver recipients to receive funding to cover Special Olympics programming participation costs. This waiver should be looked at as a source of funding especially for persons ages 8 and older that are eligible to participate in Special Olympics.

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Additional funding may not be available to the Las Vegas Special Olympics to support individuals with disabilities in Olympic style events.

### **QUESTIONS**

How is the \$200 thousand recurring funding DOH receives distributed between the regions?

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