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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/29/08

SPONSOR Varela LAST UPDATED _____ HB 379

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Women's Health Services SB _____

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: SB 184 and SB 131

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 379 would appropriate \$300,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health (DOH) to provide operational support and services at the women's health services facility in Santa Fe. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes the likely intended recipient of this proposed appropriation is Women's Health Services, Inc. Women's Health Services, Inc. (WHS) is a 501(c)(3) community service agency that has been providing health services to residents in Santa Fe since 1973. This appropriation would be in addition to any award from DOH through the competitive statewide Rural Primary Health Care Act (RPHCA) Request for Proposals (RFP) process.

Women's Health Services is in the first year of a four year funding cycle, receiving \$300,000 in FY08, as a result of a competitive RFP. FY09 funding will be contingent upon submission of an application for continuation and review of their performance under the current contract.

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WHS received a separate non-competitive special appropriation of \$192,000 in FY08, also through DOH along with an additional, non-recurring appropriation of \$100,000. In total, WHS is receiving \$592,000 in FY08, from DOH. FY09 funding in the base budget is \$492,000.

HB 379 is proposing an additional \$300,000 from the general fund to fund these services.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

WHS provides primary medical care, behavioral health, and alternative health care services. It is the only primary health care facility in Santa Fe that provides services specifically to women.

RELATIONSHIP

HB 379 relates to SB 131, which would appropriate \$500,000 to DOH for women's health services in Santa Fe and SB 184, which would appropriate \$250,000 to the Department of Finance and Administration to more generally "provide for women's health services" in Santa Fe.

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