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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/27/09

SPONSOR Barela LAST UPDATED _____ HB 141

SHORT TITLE Valencia County Anti-Gang Activities SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 141 appropriates \$25 thousand from the general fund to The Department of Finance and Administration for anti-gang activities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY10 shall revert to the general fund.

According to the December 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$293 million, or 2.6 percent, less than the FY09 appropriation. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

If the bill enables individuals who would otherwise become gang members (and then engage in criminal acts) to avoid joining gangs, it reduces the likelihood that these individuals will commit crimes. Thus, it could indirectly lead to fewer convictions, and thus a decrease in the Department's prison population and probation/parole caseloads.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Consideration should be given to include performance indicators to evaluate the impact of such programs.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Why aren't other counties included?

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