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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/19/09

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 803

SHORT TITLE Penasco-Area Health and Education Programs SB _____

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$45.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$45.0	\$45.0	\$90.0	Recurring	General Fund

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 803, Penasco-Area Health and Education Programs, appropriates \$45 thousand from the general fund to DOH for the purpose for the purpose of contracting with an organization that provides community education and wellness programs and to provide access to essential state services in the Pueblo of Picuris-Penasco area.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$45 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC submitted a balanced general fund appropriation recommendation for fiscal year 2010. Any additional general fund expenditures appropriated by the Legislature must be off-set by an equal amount from the appropriation recommendation.

According to the February 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$575 million less than the FY09 appropriations before the 2009 solvency reductions. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Typically, the aim of community education and wellness programs is to support improved health and wellness for a community through the provision of evidence-based curricula on a variety of health-related topics. Projects may include promoting an active lifestyle within the community by providing a variety of classes and health screenings that promote early disease detection and intervention, and increasing awareness in the community of making positive choices to improve health.

The catchment's area for services anticipated by HB803 includes Picuris Pueblo and the 13 villages around the Pueblo. There are 4,000 people in the 900 square-mile area. According to the 2000 US Census, the American Indian population of Picuris Pueblo totaled 195 people, of whom 52 were under 18 years of age. Almost 35 percent of the Native American youth population of Picuris Pueblo are living in poverty (New Mexico Voices for Children, "Native American Children in New Mexico: Snapshots from the US Census," 2008). A little over 40 percent of all children living in Picuris Pueblo are at 200 percent of the federal poverty level (New Mexico Voices for Children, "Native American Children in New Mexico: Snapshots from the US Census," 2008).

There are a few local service providers who currently offer community education and wellness programs in the vicinity of the Peñasco-Picuris area.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. If the funds are appropriated, are there sufficient providers in the area to allow for a competitive bid?

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