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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/27/09

SPONSOR Sanchez, B. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Drug Demand Reduction Programs SB 47

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$15.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

Department of Health (DOH)

Department of Military Affairs (DMA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 47 appropriates \$15 thousand from the general fund to DOM for a drug demand reduction program through the civil air patrol.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$15 thousand contained in this bill is a \$15 thousand 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

DOH notes that New Mexico has been among the top three states for drug-induced deaths since 1989. The bill targets middle and high school age youth for a drug demand reduction program. Youth leadership and development opportunities are an effective way to prevent negative health and social outcomes among youth. Young people who take active roles in organizations and communities have fewer problems, are better skilled, and tend to be life long contributing citizens (*Preventing Problems, Promoting Development, Encouraging Engagement*, The Forum for Youth Investment, 2003).

HSD contributes that the bill does not specify exactly what “drug demand reduction program” is being purchased and who will actually deliver the program. The Behavioral Health Services Division of the Human Services Department has received no program description and out-come results from the earlier allocation of money. This bill, as stated, has no relationship to current Behavior Health Services Division (BHSD) funded programs which target post traumatic stress disorder treatment issues for veterans and their family members.

DMA indicates current funding provided to the state in support of the counterdrug plan is adequate to support all current drug demand reduction programs.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Consideration should be given to performance indicators to measure the success of the program.

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