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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Statewide Teen Pregnancy Prevention SB 170/aSPAC

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$80.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$80.0	\$80.0	\$160.0	Recurring	General Fund

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Related to SB 187

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Department of Health (DOH)

New Mexico Health Policy Commission (HPC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Public Affairs Committee Amendment

The amendment changes the appropriation to the Children, Youth and Families Department instead of the Department of Health.

Synopsis of Original Bill

SB 170, Statewide Teen Pregnancy Prevention, appropriates \$80 thousand from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of developing and implementing a statewide teen pregnancy prevention program that includes male involvement.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$80 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.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

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 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.

HPC and DOH published the *State of New Mexico 2008 Comprehensive Strategic Health Plan*, which describes the prevalence of teen pregnancy.

Teen pregnancy and childbearing are associated with adverse consequences for teen mothers and their children, but it is important to note that many of the negative consequences for teen mothers are due to the disadvantaged situation in which many of these girls already live. Teenage mothers and fathers tend to have less education and are more likely to live in poverty than their peers who are not teen parents. Babies born to teen mothers are more likely to have health problems at birth, do poorly in school, do time in jail and also become teen parents.

The teen birth rate in New Mexico is decreasing, but not as quickly as the national rate. In 2006, New Mexico's teen birth rate of 34.3 per 1,000 females, ages 15-17, was 0.64 times higher than the United States teen birth rate at 22.0, and the birth rate to mothers ages 18-19 year olds was 106.2 in New Mexico compared to the United States rate of 73.0. Teenage mothers 15-17 also had the highest percentage of unintended pregnancy at 73.0 percent followed by 65.6 percent for mothers ages 18-19. Approximately 72 percent of the births to 15-17 year olds (2002-2006) were to Hispanic teens.

Currently, the DOH Family Planning Program is implementing a male reproductive health project, the South Valley Male Involvement Project (SVMIP) in the South Valley area of Bernalillo County. The SVMIP provides education and opportunities that are culturally and linguistically appropriate for males in middle schools, high schools, detention centers, and community centers. Education and outreach activities include Project M, public health interns, basketball tournaments, a locally produced play, teen dances, and a media campaign. This program enables community members to access coordinated preventive healthcare services to improve the health and well being of men and boys.

The goals of the project are to:

- Improve educational and clinical services for men of all ages in the South Valley.
- Reduce the risk behaviors that lead to unintended pregnancy, HIV and sexually transmitted diseases (STDs).
- Decrease the prevalence of violence, pregnancy and STDs among teens 15-19 in the South Valley.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DOH has a performance measure related to the relative ranking of New Mexico with the fifty states. This appropriation may improve the state ranking.

ALTERNATIVES

DOH continues to support teen pregnancy programs within funds provided by the general appropriation act.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How much is the state expending on reducing teen pregnancy?
2. The state continues to have the highest teen pregnancy rate among the 50 states; how will this appropriation reduce that rate?
3. What other approaches are needed to reduce the teen pregnancy rate?

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