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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Federal Recovery Funds for Dona Ana Facility SM 79

ANALYST Chabot

### REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10	FY11		
	TBD		Nonrecurring	Federal Funds

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)  
 New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)  
 New Mexico Health Policy Commission (HPC)

#### Responses Not Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)  
 Human Services Department (HSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 79 resolves the Governor be requested to seek funding through the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 for a mental health and crisis triage facility in Dona Ana County.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The memorial has no appropriation but, if successful, may provide federal revenues to Dona Ana County.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HPC summarizes the behavioral health situation in Dona Ana County as follows:

The Dona Ana County Health and Human Services Alliance reports that 33 percent of the detention center population in Dona Ana County is in need of mental health services. The Dona Ana County Detention Center has limited services (telemedicine) for intervention and mental health treatment. The detention center has an average daily population of approximately 900 adults, mostly pre-trial detainees, and 30 - 35 juveniles. The average length of stay is 10-21 days.

A 2007 study mandated by Senate Joint Memorial 34 from the Department of Human Services and Dona Ana County concluded that there was not sufficient infrastructure to sustain a state operated behavioral facility in Southern New Mexico. Currently residents of the Dona Ana County must be sent to the Las Vegas Behavioral Health Institute for inpatient care. This study also found that an additional two million dollars annually was needed to cover unfunded inpatient health services.

The Dona Ana County Health and Human Services committee has developed a behavioral health plan focused on a community oriented, integrated service behavioral health delivery system with a crisis triage center as its centerpiece. It identifies under-funding and poorly coordinated services as the major barriers to mental health services in Dona Ana County.

NMCD reports the contract/private prison annual cost of incarcerating an inmate is \$27,761 per year for males. The cost per client to house a female inmate at a privately operated facility is \$31,600 per year.

If behavioral health services are successful, these costs could be avoided.

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