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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/28/12

SPONSOR Garcia, T. LAST UPDATED _____ HB 127

SHORT TITLE Mora County Ambulance Services SB _____

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$88.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Department of Health (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 127 appropriates \$88.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA to pay for ambulance services in Mora County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$88.0 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund. DFA states the intent of Mora County is for recurring appropriations; however, the DFA notes funding for future years will have to be requested each year. Presumably, it will not be in the DFA appropriation requests.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA notes similar legislation was introduced in the 2004, 2006 and 2010 legislative session and failed to pass. In 2010, Mora County took out a \$75.0 thousand Board of Finance loan to fund ambulance services but, due to the county's inability to repay, it was changed to a grant.

DOH manages the Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Fund Act which provides funding for EMS services in the state. Mora Valley EMS received \$11,561 in FY 12 for ambulance services and has applied for similar FY13 funding. The maximum funding Mora County could receive is \$22,000. Additionally, Mora Valley can apply for Special Projects from the EMS Fund which makes funding available for the purchases of ambulances and other EMS related services. The Mora Valley EMS is a critical safety net and has a physician medical director, service director and a training coordinator.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DFA suggests DOH would be the more logical agency to manage the appropriation.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. If the state assumes responsibility for funding Mora County's ambulance service, how many other counties will ask for similar consideration and what is the estimated cost?

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