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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/09/12

SPONSOR Stapleton LAST UPDATED _____ HB 307

SHORT TITLE Senior Citizen Computer Skills Training SB _____

ANALYST Boerner

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY12	FY13	FY14	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$0.0	\$0.0			

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long Term Services Department (ALTSD)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 307 appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to fund a program that provides computer skills training for senior citizens at the Highland senior center in Albuquerque.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The DFA states that the Highland Senior Center is operated by the City of Albuquerque Department of Senior Affairs for private citizens. It is a not for profit organization. If the appropriation is not renewed in fiscal year 2014 it would be an issue since the computers purchased to instruct the seniors with would still be in place but there would not be funding to continue computer training to seniors.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The DFA, LGD does not have the programmatic expertise to properly administer the funding directly to the Highland Senior Center. The purpose of this legislation would be better served to either include language that would specify the appropriation being processed from the DFA, Local Government Division to the City of Albuquerque for this purpose or to direct the appropriation to the Aging and Long Term Care Services Department instead of to the DFA, LGD.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Appropriations to the DFA, Local Government Division are released on a draw down basis, i.e. payment is made to the recipient after the service has been provided. This would require the Highland Senior Center to have a contract in place for the instructor, pay the instructor up from their own funds, and then request reimbursement from the DFA, LGD.

AMENDMENTS

The appropriation should be made recurring since otherwise computers purchased to instruct the seniors would still be in place but there would not be funding to continue computer training to seniors. Additionally, the bill should include language that would specify the appropriation being processed from the DFA, LGD to the City of Albuquerque (if not to Aging and Long Term Care Services).

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The consequences of not enacting House Bill 307 will be that the Highland Senior Center will have to finance its computer skills training from other sources.

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