

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number: HB 78**

**51st Legislature, 1st Session, 2013**

**Tracking Number: .191104.1**

**Short Title: ABQ South Valley Bicycle Recycling Program**

**Sponsor(s): Representatives Miguel P. García and Ernest H. Chavez**

**Analyst: James Ball**

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**Bill Summary:**

HB 78 makes an appropriation to allow Bernalillo County to contract with a community organization for a community project to provide used bicycles for underprivileged children residing in the South Valley of Bernalillo County and Northwest Albuquerque.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$12,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Department of Finance and Administration for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

**Substantive Issues:**

HB 78 would provide bicycles to underprivileged children, permitting many who have never had an opportunity to ride a bike, much less own one, to have this basic implement of childhood.

**Background:**

A website, PRWEB.com carried a story in April, 2012 reporting that a local Mattress Firm franchisee, D&A Mattress, partnered with several local businesses and charities to give away more than 600 bicycles to underprivileged children through a program called "Beds, Bikes, and Tikes." The event took place Saturday, April 21, 2012 at the University of New Mexico PIT in Albuquerque. The New Mexico charitable organizations included local chapters of Big Brothers Big Sisters, the Boys and Girls Club, the YMCA, the Heart Gallery of New Mexico, All Faiths Receiving Home, PB&J Family Services, New Vistas, El Ranchito de Los Niños, La Familia, Inc., and Ronald McDonald House.

Although HB 78 is not necessarily related to this event, Beds, Bikes and Tikes could serve as a model to carry out the intent of the bill.

**Committee Referrals:**

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**Related Bills:**

None to date.