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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/13/13

SPONSOR Martinez, K. LAST UPDATED _____ HB 287

SHORT TITLE McKinley County Behavioral Health Services SB _____

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

Department of Health (DOH)

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 287 would appropriate \$500 thousand in general fund revenue to the Department of Health (DOH) to provide behavioral health services to Native Americans in McKinley County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in HB 287 is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY14 shall revert to the general fund.

The DOH indicates it would use a minimum of 5 percent of the amount appropriated for the department's administrative overhead costs associated with administration of the program.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Indian Affairs Department (IAD) indicates that the Human Services Department (HSD) Secretary Sidonie Squier testified before the Indian Affairs Committee on June 13, 2011, and reported that in FY11, the HSD Behavioral Health Services Division provided funding for Native American specific Behavioral Health Prevention and Coordination Services totaling \$275 thousand. The Behavioral Health Services Division also provided funding for Native American specific Behavioral Health Treatment Services totaling \$2.3 million.

The DOH indicates it provides behavioral health services primarily for youth through the Office of School and Adolescent Health youth suicide prevention program and services, offered through school-based health centers. The Behavioral Health Services Division at the HSD serves as the mental health and substance abuse state authority for the state.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The HSD indicates, generally, the Behavioral Health Services Division within the HSD serves as the single state authority for mental health and for substance abuse and currently funds behavioral health services for Native Americans with state general funds.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The DOH suggests on page 1, lines 11 and 18, delete the words “Department of Health” and insert the words “Human Services Department”.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The IAD indicates it has concerns that behavioral health services be delivered by culturally competent providers and include access to interpreters.

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