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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/20/13

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE NM Senior Citizen Programs SB 506

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$4,896.6	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB250, Senior Citizen Programs
Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 506 (SB 506) would appropriate a total of \$4.9 million in general fund revenue to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) for the six area agencies on aging that provide senior services including adult daycare, case management, congregate meals, home-delivered meals, in home services, transportation and senior center services; for volunteer programs including foster grandparents, senior companions and retired senior volunteers; and for senior health promotion activities including senior olympics.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$4.9 million contained in SB 506 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 appropriation contained in SB 506 is \$3,183.1 above the Executive recommendation of an additional \$1,713.5 for aging network services in FY14, and \$3,906.1 above the LFC

recommendation of an additional \$990.5 for aging network services in FY14. The appropriation contained in SB 506 is \$3,527.8 above the House Appropriations and Finance Committee adopted increase for an additional \$1,368.8 for aging network services.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The ALTSD indicates consolidation of certain program sites, increased use of volunteers and enhanced fund-raising efforts has enabled local aging network providers to maintain support to seniors currently receiving services. Aging network providers include small non-profit organizations, and local and tribal governments.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Aging network services help families remain together, at home, in their own communities and create a safety net for the vast majority of New Mexico's elders, those who don't qualify for Medicaid but whose resources are limited, and those whose families are stretched to capacity caring for loved ones at home. Employment and volunteer opportunities enable older adults to remain active, vital members of their communities. Financial subsidies offered by the employment programs and some of the volunteer programs help seniors maintain their economic independence.

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