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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Tripp ORIGINAL DATE 02/03/14
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 80

SHORT TITLE County and Tribal Community Health Needs SB _____

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$900.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

HB80 relates to SB68, County and Tribal Early Childhood Services.

HB80 relates to an appropriation in the General Appropriation Act of \$195 thousand to the Department of Health for statewide health councils.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 80 appropriates \$900 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Health to fund community health needs assessments performed by county and tribal health councils.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$900 thousand contained in HB 80 is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY15 shall revert to the general fund.

HB 80 relates to an appropriation in the General Appropriation Act of \$195 thousand to the Department of Health for statewide health councils.

RELATIONSHIP

HB 80 is related to SB 68 which makes an appropriation and provides additional funding to the early childhood services committees within county and tribal health councils created by SB 68. The funding allows these committees to conduct the needs assessments that will provide the information they need to run their programs to provide services for children.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DOH indicates HB 80 would appropriate funds for county and tribal health councils to conduct community health needs assessments. Community health needs assessments are necessary to determine the status of health issues, how serious they are, what resources exist to address them, and what needs exist that must be met to address critical health issues. Councils also develop community health improvement plans that are informed by assessment findings.

New Mexico's Community Health Councils serve as official advisory bodies to county and tribal governments. The health councils provide key leadership in local public health systems. They mobilize citizens, health providers, schools, businesses, and other stakeholders to improve the health of communities. The councils developed community health profiles and community health plans previously and then implemented those action plans that addressed identified local and state priorities. Their community health profiles and plans provided valuable information to policy makers and other community stakeholders.

A statewide evaluation process, by DOH, the health councils, and an evaluation team from the University of New Mexico, collected and reported data on council actions and outcomes. Among the other outcomes reported were increasing resources available to local communities, and supporting the development of policies to improve community health.

DOH reports in their roles as planning and coordinating bodies, the health councils reported bringing additional \$3.7 million in grants and other contributions to their communities in 2009. Funds supported a wide variety of programs and initiatives related to their health priorities. Councils also worked at the local, county, tribal, and state-wide levels to mobilize communities in support of policies to improve health.

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