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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/30/14
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Expand Rural Foster Grandparent Programs **SB** 144

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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 144 (SB 144) appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department to enhance and expand foster grandparent and senior companion programs into rural areas in Rio Arriba, San Miguel and Guadalupe counties.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 144 includes an FY15 general fund recurring appropriation of \$75 thousand. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY15 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) indicates the Foster Grandparent Program offers meaningful part-time volunteer opportunities to persons with low incomes, aged 55 and older, who provide one-to-one supportive services to children with special or exceptional needs. Foster grandparents receive stipends to support their volunteer work. The foster

grandparents in these three counties serve primarily in the local schools supplementing needed services to the area's children.

The Senior Companion Program offers meaningful part-time volunteer opportunities to persons with low incomes, aged 55 and older, who provide supportive one-to-one services to older adults who need assistance remaining independent in their own homes. These adults may have physical or psychosocial needs, developmental disabilities or other special needs, and services are provided in clients' homes. Senior companions receive stipends to support their volunteer work.

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