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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/3/15

SPONSOR Torraco LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Music for ABQ Underserved Youth SB 310

ANALYST Malone

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
\$48.0	\$48.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) Local Government Division (LGD)
Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 310 appropriates \$48 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of DFA to provide underserved youth and their foster families with access to live music through concerts and music education programs in Albuquerque.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$48 thousand appropriation in this bill is a new recurring expense to the general fund. At the end of FY16 any unexpended or unencumbered balance shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CYFD notes that music education has proven to provide many benefits for children and will benefit them and their families. However, as the bill specifically calls out foster families as part of the target population, this suggests that the “underserved children” being targeted by this bill will be children in CYFD Protective Services custody. The bill does not discuss how the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration will identify these families given the confidentiality statutes governing the release of information concerning children in foster care.

LGD points out that this bill does not provide any direction as to how the funds should be disbursed and assume that LGD would be required to issue a Request for Proposals to evaluate competing offerors who would be able to provide access to live music through concerns and music education programs in Albuquerque.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

LGD does not currently have expertise in the area of foster families or music education programs and may require the need for one additional FTE. LGD would be required to develop a new program; conduct a solicitation in accordance with the State Procurement Code and applicable rules and regulations; contract with organization(s) that provide these types of services; and provide oversight and contract monitoring. Each year, several new programs are proposed to be administered through LGD. DFA is concerned with LGD's ability to meet its critical statutory duties and its overall mission when its resources are redirected towards numerous small special projects.

CYFD notes that if the department's assistance is needed in identifying underserved youth, existing resources would be used.

ALTERNATIVES

DFA suggests that as SB 310 targets foster families which are not LGD's area of expertise, appropriation to CYFD or the Public Education Department may be more appropriate.

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