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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Munoz **ORIGINAL DATE** 3/2/15
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE McKinley County Behavioral Health Services **SB** 620

ANALYST Boerner

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	\$1,500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY15	FY16	FY17	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		NFI	NFI	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB108, SB522, SB566 and SB66 which define behavioral health investment zones where mental health service needs are particularly high.

Relates also to HB222 Mental Health Community Engagement Teams and SB53 Assisted Outpatient Treatment Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 620 appropriates \$1.5 million from the general fund to HSD to contract for behavioral health services in McKinley.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.5 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2016 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HSD points out that similar to many other New Mexico counties, the need for behavioral health services in McKinley County is substantial. The New Mexico Department of Health (DOH) reported in 2014 that McKinley County residents ranked second in the state for 2008-2012 by rates per capita for alcohol-related death overall, alcohol-related chronic disease deaths, and alcohol-related injury, and they ranked fourth for alcohol-related crashes, sixth for suicide, and twenty-first for frequent mental distress rates.

SB 620 would provide additional funding beyond current levels. Other current funding sources in the County include Medicaid, federal Mental Health Block Grants, federal Substance Abuse Prevention Block Grants, Corrections Department, Children, Youth and Families Department, the Administrative Office of the Courts, Medicare, the Veterans' Administration, Gallup and McKinley County governments, local school districts, the Navajo Nation, and portions of State General Fund appropriations for behavioral health services that did not restrict the target geographic area. Under the federal Affordable Care Act, private insurance policies also now must cover behavioral health services for their beneficiaries.

SB 620 does not specify that services in the county shall go only to county residents, so residents of other areas might also benefit from increased behavioral health services in McKinley County.

ALTERNATIVES

McKinley County would likely benefit from additional resources under the passage of HB 108 (or similar bills such as SB522, SB566, and SB666) that aim to direct mental health funding to certain "investment zones" where behavioral health service needs are high.

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