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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Salazar **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/25/2016
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** 157

SHORT TITLE Statewide Senior Citizen Services **SB** _____

ANALYST Chenier

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY16 | FY17 | | |
| | \$1,999.8 | Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

| | FY16 | FY17 | FY18 | 3 Year Total Cost | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|--------------|------|-----------|-----------|----------------------|------------------------------|------------------|
| Total | | \$1,999.8 | \$1,999.8 | \$3,999.6 | Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates an 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

House Bill 157 appropriates \$2 million from the general fund to ALTSD to contract with area agencies on aging for services for senior citizens, including adult day care, case management, congregate meals, home-delivered meals, in-home respite care, household services, and transportation or senior center services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$2 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY17 shall revert to the general fund.

For these services the LFC 2016 Appropriation Recommendation included a \$457.9 thousand increase and the 2017 executive budget recommendation a \$250 thousand increase.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ALTSD provided the following:

The \$2 million appropriation in HB157 is designated for New Mexico's four area agencies, which contract with local public and private partners to provide services for older New Mexicans. Due to an increasing population of older persons in New Mexico, particularly those over the age of 80, aging network providers are experiencing increasing need and demand for services. This appropriation may assist aging network providers in maintaining critical services and partially address the need for additional services.

As written, the bill excludes several Aging Network providers and programs, including senior volunteer programs, senior employment programs, New Mexico Senior Olympics, the Alzheimer's Association, New Mexico Chapter, grandparents/kinship caregivers raising children, and senior legal service providers. Along with the four area agencies on aging, these additional providers and programs assist older New Mexicans with critical services.

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