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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Martinez ORIGINAL DATE _____
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Grandparents Raising Grandchildren SB 96

ANALYST Chilton

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SM 1.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 96, Grandparents Raising Grandchildren appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to ALTSD for the purpose of providing supportive services to grandparents raising their grandchildren.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2017 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill responds to the task force set up by 2015 HM 8, which looked at the needs of grandparents raising their grandchildren. Their recommendations were submitted to the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee, and included the provision of legal services for kinship caregivers, including grandparents.

According to ALTSD, , more than 54,000 grandparents in New Mexico report they have grandchildren in their custody and living with them.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

ALTSD states that it currently contracts with an outside organization that provides legal support services to grandparents and other relatives raising children throughout the state, and estimates that the addition of these funds would not add to the agency’s administrative burden.

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