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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Morales ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/2018
 LAST UPDATED 1/31/2018 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Sexual Assault Service Provider Funding SB 153

ANALYST Edwards

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY18	FY19		
\$0.0	\$2,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY18	FY19	FY20	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.0	\$100.0	\$100.0	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 203

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 153 appropriates \$2 million from the general fund to the Crime Victims Reparation Commission to fund sexual assault service providers.

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 FY19 shall revert to the general fund.

House Bill 2 contains \$750 thousand for sexual assault services to victims. Additionally, HB2 includes \$2.3 million in CVRC's budget for sexual assault service providers; these funds were previously administered by the Department of Health.

CVRC, while recognizing \$2 million would assist existing and new sexual assault service providers in FY19, expressed concerns that one-time funding would limit the commission's ability to continue expanded services in FY20 and future years.

CVRC also detailed the need for additional staff as a result of the bill, specifically 1 FTE to administer requests for proposals, proposal review, contract awards, program and fiscal monitoring, site visits and state wide collaborative meetings to ensure gaps in services are addressed. Additionally, funding would be necessary for the employee to travel to providers for audits and to provide technical assistance. Overall, CVRC estimates the impact on their operating budget to be \$100 thousand per year (assuming the intent of the bill is to continue services past FY19).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

CVRC currently provides federal grant funding and state funding to governmental, non-profit agencies and tribal organizations who provide victim services, including sexual assault services. The agency has a long standing relationship with sexual assault services agencies statewide and with the NM Coalition of Sexual Assault Programs.

According to CVRC, sexual assault services are limited in the state. Some rural victims have to travel over 75 miles to receive specialized medical and counseling services. This hardship, on top of being sexually assaulted, tends to discourage victims from reporting assault and receiving services.

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