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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/19

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SHORT TITLE Mobile Rural Health Service for Substance Use SB 240

ANALYST Esquibel

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Human Services Department (HSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 240 would appropriate \$500 thousand to the Human Services Department to deploy mobile units in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Taos, Colfax, and Mora counties to provide rural health services and evidence-based, peer-supported substance use disorder (SUD) recovery services.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB240 would appropriate \$500 thousand in recurring revenue from the general fund in FY20 to HSD for mobile SUD services. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 or any fiscal year thereafter would not revert to the general fund.

The bill does not provide for continuing appropriation of the non-reverting revenues potentially leading to fund balance accrual. However, it should be noted the LFC has concerns with including continuing appropriation language in statutory provisions as earmarking reduces the ability of the Legislature to establish spending priorities.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HSD reports currently there is one provider in northern New Mexico providing peer-run mobile services including outreach, harm reduction, and peer-supported recovery to a largely homeless population. The Behavioral Health Services Division of HSD is using federal grant funding to support the provider's mobile services, but the provider is in the process of becoming eligible for Medicaid reimbursement. Passage of SB 240 could potentially encourage additional providers to deploy mobile units.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

HSD would need to review and assess the performance of mobile units to determine the effectiveness of this service delivery approach. Monitoring of the quality of services, and the continuity of care would also be required.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill does not include funding for administrative expenses at HSD.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

DOH reports from 2013 through 2017, there were a total of 2,468 overdose deaths in New Mexico, and 459 of these deaths were in Santa Fe, Rio Arriba, Los Alamos, Taos, Colfax and Mora counties. These counties also have a high number of non-fatal overdoses. A 2017 youth survey in these counties reported 12.5 percent youth experienced frequent mental distress, 26.2 percent consumed alcohol, 2.8 percent used heroin, and 10.9 percent reported binge drinking. (New Mexico Substance Use Epidemiology Profile report, December 2018 <https://nmhealth.org/data/view/substance/2201/>).

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