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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Northern NM Local Youth Programs SB 532

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
Department of Health (DOH)
National Center for Education Statistics (NCES)

Responses Received From
Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD)

No Responses Received From
Youth Conservation Corps

SUMMARY

Senate Bill 532 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of DFA for the purpose of providing youth programs in Northern New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill does not define “youth program”. Local governments provide for recreational youth programs, such as summer programs and after-school activities. CYFD provides for youth intervention programs.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

If the appropriation is for extracurricular and recreational programs, it is important to note youth programs have been shown to have an effect on those enrolled in them. A study by the NCES shows 50.4 percent of students enrolled in extracurricular activities have no unexcused absences, of those who do not participate in extracurricular activities, only 36.2 percent have no unexcused absences. A similar trend is shown in relation to students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. 50.7 percent for participants and 42.3 percent for nonparticipants.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not state that local entities (municipalities or counties) would work with the LGD on administering the appropriation.

DFA states that this omission of administrative details requires LGD to be fully responsible for spending the appropriation.

DFA states that this bill would require LGD to develop a new program, conduct a solicitation in accordance with procurement code, contract with an organization that provides youth programming in northern New Mexico, and oversee and monitor contracts. Each year several new programs and appropriations are proposed to be administered through LGD.

DFA is concerned with LGD's ability to meet its critical statutory duties and its overall mission if its resources are redirected towards numerous small special projects.

RELATIONSHIP

Assuming the appropriation would go to CYFD for youth intervention programs, the appropriation is related to the \$32.56 million appropriation in the General Appropriation Act for childcare programs

ALTERNATIVES

DFA states funding local youth programs may be better accomplished if this allocation were to another department, such as CYFD.

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