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**2025 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS**

Section I: General

Chamber: Senate
Number: 199

Category: Bill
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Short Title: Administration of Local DWI Grant Program

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Section II: Fiscal Impact

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation Contained		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 25	FY 26		
\$0	\$0	Recurring	Liquor Excise Tax

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 25	FY 26	FY 27		
\$0	\$0	\$0		

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY 25	FY 26	FY 27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-recurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0		

Section III: Relationship to other legislation

Duplicates:

Conflicts with:

Companion to:

Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to an Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

Section IV: Narrative

1. BILL SUMMARY

a) Synopsis

SB 199 would make changes to how the liquor tax funds available to the Department of Finance and Administration's Local DWI (LDWI) program are allocated. While the amount of liquor excise tax funds available to the program varies from year based on the total amount collected, some set asides are in set in statute, and SB 199 would change many of these amounts.

Importantly, it would increase the amount available for the LWDI Bureau at the Department of Finance and Administration for administration, technical support, and evaluation from \$600,000 to \$1.1 million.

Is this an amendment or substitution? Yes No

Is there an emergency clause? Yes No

b) Significant Issues

In 2023, twice as many New Mexicans died from alcohol than drug overdose (1,896 alcohol-related deaths versus 948 drug overdose deaths). New Mexico has had the nation's highest rate of alcohol-related death for the past 30 years. Additionally, 21% of the deaths among working age New Mexicans (decedents aged 16-64) were due to alcohol in 2022. In 2018, [the CDC](#) ranked the leading causes of death in New Mexico, and six of those ten causes of death are partially attributable to alcohol, according to [another CDC analysis](#). In 2023, 13.8% of New Mexicans drank excessively.

According to [the National Institute of Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism](#), and the CDC, alcohol-related deaths are preventable.

The Local DWI (LDWI) program is a significant source of funding for addressing not only DWIs, but also alcohol misuse generally through its prevention and treatment activities. By funding programs at the county level, it is an important part of ensuring prevention and treatment are available throughout the state. Providing quality state-level programmatic support and evaluation for local activities is a significant component of ensuring their success.

Since 2003, the amount of funds the LDWI program distributes has increased significantly from \$11 million to \$22 million, while funding for administrative support at DFA's LWDI Bureau has remained at \$600,000. Increasing the funding for program support and administration will ensure that the LDWI Bureau can hire and retain the staff needed to provide sufficient support

for local activities and ensure that treatment and prevention interventions are implemented effectively.

2. PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

- Does this bill impact the current delivery of NMDOH services or operations?
 Yes No

If yes, describe how.

The LDWI program is a significant partner in NMDOH's efforts to reduce alcohol misuse and related harms. Increasing the effectiveness of local LDWI efforts in reducing alcohol misuse is as important piece of DOH's efforts to ensure an effective infrastructure of prevention and treatment services exists throughout the state.

- Is this proposal related to the NMDOH Strategic Plan? Yes No
 - Goal 1:** We expand equitable access to services for all New Mexicans
 - Goal 2:** We ensure safety in New Mexico healthcare environments
 - Goal 3:** We improve health status for all New Mexicans
 - Goal 4:** We support each other by promoting an environment of mutual respect, trust, open communication, and needed resources for staff to serve New Mexicans and to grow and reach their professional goals

3. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the Executive Budget Request?
 Yes No N/A
- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the LFC Budget Request?
 Yes No N/A
- Does this bill have a fiscal impact on NMDOH? Yes No

4. ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Will this bill have an administrative impact on NMDOH? Yes No

5. DUPLICATION, CONFLICT, COMPANIONSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

None.

6. TECHNICAL ISSUES

Are there technical issues with the bill? Yes No

7. LEGAL/REGULATORY ISSUES (OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES)

- Will administrative rules need to be updated or new rules written? Yes No
- Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary (or unnecessary)? Yes No
- Does this bill conflict with federal grant requirements or associated regulations?
 Yes No
- Are there any legal problems or conflicts with existing laws, regulations, policies, or programs? Yes No

8. DISPARITIES ISSUES

In 2023 in New Mexico, American Indian/Alaska Natives (AIAN) died at an age-adjusted rate that is 3.7 times higher than the state overall. The age-adjusted rate of alcohol-related death among AIAN is 2.5 times higher than the age-adjusted rate of alcohol-related death among Hispanics – the group with the second highest age-adjusted rate of alcohol-related death in the state.

9. HEALTH IMPACT(S)

Increasing funding for program support and administration within the LDWI Bureau will improve hiring and retention of staff needed to provide sufficient support for local activities and ensure that treatment and prevention interventions are implemented effectively. Effective provision of program activities and treatment and prevention interventions ensures that local activities and prevention efforts are carried out in a timely and coordinated manner which can improve health outcomes stemming from successful prevention activities and implemented treatment interventions.

10. ALTERNATIVES

None

11. WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

If SB199 is not enacted, no changes will be made to how the LDWI funding allocation is determine, resulting in no increase in funding for programs which address alcohol misuse.

AMENDMENTS

None