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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION
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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: 2/21/2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: S414-341 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Gonzales **Agency Name and Code** DFA-341
Short Title: TAOS MEDICAL COMPLEX **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	25,000.0	Nonrecurring	GF

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Senate Bill 414 (SB 414) appropriates \$25 million from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration. The funds are designated for the planning, design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of a medical complex in Taos County, New Mexico. This complex aims to provide services for women and children, as well as an infusion clinic for chemotherapy.

This bill would be effective as of July 1, 2025.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

- SB 414 appropriates \$25 million from the general fund for the establishment of the medical complex.
- This appropriation is non reverting and intended for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.
- This investment is expected to enhance healthcare infrastructure in Taos County, potentially reducing healthcare costs by providing local services and decreasing the need for residents to seek care outside the area.
- The bill does not specify the operational costs of the facility, which may require additional funding in future budgets.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

- **Operational Funding:** The bill does not address the ongoing operational costs of the medical complex, which could place additional financial burdens on the state or local governments.
- **Sustainability:** Without a clear plan for sustainable funding, the facility may face challenges in maintaining services long-term.
- **Impact on Existing Facilities:** The establishment of a new medical complex could affect the operations of existing healthcare providers in the region, Holy Cross Medical Center, potentially leading to competition for resources and patients.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The successful implementation of SB 414 could lead to improved healthcare access and outcomes for residents of Taos County, particularly for women and children. The infusion clinic for chemotherapy may also provide critical services to cancer patients, potentially improving survival rates and quality of life.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration will be responsible for overseeing the appropriation and ensuring that the funds are used appropriately for the planning, design, construction, furnishing, and equipping of the medical complex. This may require coordination with other state agencies, local governments, and private contractors.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB 414 is not enacted, Taos County may continue to experience limited access to specialized medical services, particularly for women, children, and cancer patients requiring chemotherapy. This could result in residents seeking care outside the area, leading to increased travel costs, potential delays in treatment, and overall reduced healthcare access.

Christopher Madrid, Taos Deputy County Manager for Administration, 575-779-0504, christopher.madrid@taoscountynm.gov states the following:

Taos has been underserved, medically, for decades. Taos cannot recruit needed physicians due to lack of proper space and there are no existing buildings that could feasibly convert to acceptable clinic space. For Taos to provide the level of Primary Care needed in our community we need to bring in Women's and Children's Services. The current Holy Cross Medical Center will not be replaced, but it is at capacity. This new facility will add to the hospital campus.

In addition, we remain committed to the Pueblo and our larger community, publicly, for Cancer Care for Northern New Mexico. Many, as in thousands, have to commute to Santa Fe, or worse yet to Albuquerque...several times per week, in inclement weather; boulders in the canyon, wildlife, etc. in a very ill state. It is unnecessarily burdensome for families in an immunocompromised state. This should have occurred decades ago, as it has in most rural areas across our country.

Secondarily, the Medical complex will have a positive impact by curtailing economic leakage of these professional services and establishing these jobs in our community.

AMENDMENTS