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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/02/09

SPONSOR Anderson LAST UPDATED _____ HB 278

SHORT TITLE Stroke and Cancer Screening and Treatment SB _____

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
\$75,000.0		recurring	General fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total	\$0.1	\$0.1	\$0.1		recurring	General fund

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
 Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)
 Department of Health (DOH)
 New Mexico Health Policy Commission (HPC)
 Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 278, Stroke and Cancer Screening and Treatment, appropriates \$75 million from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of funding screening, diagnosis and treatment for stroke and for breast, cervical, colorectal, and prostate cancers from fiscal year 2009 through fiscal year 2012. The bill has an emergency clause.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2012 shall revert to the general fund.

The LFC submitted a balanced general fund appropriation recommendation for fiscal year 2010. Any additional general fund expenditures appropriated by the Legislature must be off-set by an equal amount from the appropriation recommendation.

According to the December 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$293 million, or 2.6 percent, less than the FY09 appropriation. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context. Any non-recurring appropriation from the general fund will impact FY09 and FY10 revenues.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH reports stroke was the fifth leading cause of death in New Mexico responsible for 4.2 percent of the mortality. Certain cancer screening has proven beneficial in detecting cancerous conditions at early states when treatment is most effective. This is true for cervical, breast, and colorectal cancer. However, many New Mexicans have never been tested for any of these conditions. For example 38 percent of those over 50 have never had a colonoscopy.

HPC states cancer is the second leading cause of death in New Mexico, and the differences in language, race, ethnicity, socioeconomic status, and education produce unique challenges to providing quality care. Since 1991, the DOH Breast and Cervical Cancer Early Detection program has provided approximately 211 thousand clinical breast exams, 132 thousand mammograms and 195 thousand Pap tests.

HED assesses the University of New Mexico would be a critical component in any program intended to screen, diagnose, and treat the cancers mentioned in this bill.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Due to the largeness of the appropriation, DOH states they will need additional FTE to administer the program; however, the number is not specified.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

No additional funding will be provided for the services specified in the bill.

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