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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/19/09

SPONSOR Chasey LAST UPDATED _____ HB 746

SHORT TITLE Community Program for Mentally Challenge SB _____

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$25.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 746, Community Program for Mentally Challenged, appropriates \$25 thousand from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of contracting with a not-for-profit organization in Albuquerque to fund community support for persons with mental health challenges.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$25 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 2010 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 February 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$575 million less than the FY09 appropriations before the 2009 solvency reductions. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Mental disorders are common and it is estimated that 26.2 percent of adults suffer from a mental disorder of some type in any given year. The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey conducted in 2006 reported frequent mental distress disproportionately affects people with lower income, less education and Hispanic or Native American heritage.

Behavioral health responsibilities were transferred to the Human Services Department, Behavioral Health Collaborative in the 2007 session.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

HSD is responsible for behavioral health issues; on line 17 strike “department of health” and insert “human services department”

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