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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/02/09
 LAST UPDATED 02/18/09 **HB** _____

SPONSOR Rodriguez

SHORT TITLE Governor's Council on Women's Health Office **SB** 210/aSFC

ANALYST Archuleta

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Commission on Status of Women (CSW)
 Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SFC Amendment

The Senate Finance Committee amendment requires appointments to the Council on Women's Health "to represent the geographic diversity of the state".

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 210 creates an Office of the Governor's Council on Women's Health (GCWH) and administratively attaches it to CSW. The bill establishes the functions, membership, meeting schedule and appointment of the director.

GCWH would serve the following functions: serve as a clearinghouse for education and information on women's health; recommend performance measures and outcomes specific to women's health; report women's health policy issues to the governor on an annual basis; assist in developing policy to improve women's health and well-being, including policies that explain and explore the links between women's and economic security.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The operating costs associated with GCWH would continue to be included as part of the operating budget of the Commission on the Status of Women.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The director of GCWH will be appointed and shall serve at the pleasure of the governor.

The governor will appoint advisors to GCWH to include representatives from the following groups: CSW, DOH, NM Health Policy Commission, Children Youth and Families Department, Humans Services Department, Indian Affairs Department, Veterans' Services Department, Office of African American Affairs. Additionally, the governor shall appoint one representative of providers of women's health services; two representatives from rural counties and four representatives of advocacy community or consumer groups.

The advisors in GCWH would be required to meet four times per year and serve two year terms. They may organize statewide meetings and focus groups to involve members of the public further in improving women's health and to identify emerging issues around women's health care delivery and services.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Several of the outlined functions to be performed by GCWH may already be performed by the Commission on the Status of Women and the Health Policy Commission.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

GCWH would not be established in statute and would continue to exist by Executive Order.

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