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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Rodriguez ORIGINAL DATE 2/9/09
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Women's Health Services Facility SB 344
ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)

Department of Health (DOH)

New Mexico Health Policy Commission (HPC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 344, Santa Fe Women's Health Services Facility, appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to DOH to provide operation support and services at a women's health services facility in Santa Fe.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 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.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

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.

DOH reports the Rural Primary Health Care Act (RPHCA) funds over 90 rural and primary care clinics statewide. All RPHCA clinics are experiencing financial difficulties due to economic conditions, and each has reported increase uninsured and underinsured populations needing services. “Appropriating funds to just one RPHCA site in Santa Fe seems inequitable right now during these hard economic times.”

HPC states the Women’s Health Services in Santa Fe currently has a \$300 thousand contract with DOH received as a four year contract in 2008.

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