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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/18/9

SPONSOR Griego, E LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Adolescent Health Strategic Plan SB 592

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 192, Tohatchi Youth Development Programs

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY09	FY10	FY11	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$150.0	\$150.0	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Department of Health (DOH)

New Mexico Health Policy Commission (HPC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 592, Adolescent Health Strategic Plan, appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of supporting and promoting positive child and youth development through the implementation of the adolescent health strategic plan.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 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 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

DOH reports, there 234,309 youths (10-17 years old) in New Mexico in 2005 and that adolescence is a critical point in the transition to adulthood. It assesses that adolescents do not receive the attention they need from health care systems. Although it is a period of good health, it is an age where there is exposure to risky health behaviors such as those that lead to injuries, substance abuse, unsafe sexual behavior, substance abuse,, violence, tobacco use, inadequate physical activity and poor nutrition habits. These behaviors are often carried into adulthood and can lead to chronic disease. Evidence shows that programs focused on developing resilience and protective factors increase successful coping with tragic events.

HPC quotes from the its *Wick Facts 2009* that New Mexico had the highest teen birth rate in the country, 57 percent higher than the national rate. In addition, suicide was the third leading case of death for youth 10-24 years of age in New Mexico.

ALTERNATIVES

DOH would have to develop a plan including how to convince the young adult population of the importance of developing healthy behaviors.

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