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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Ortiz y Pino                      **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/23/2014  
**LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHORT TITLE** Human Trafficking Victim Services                      **SB** 67  
**ANALYST** Chenier

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	(\$500.0)	Recurring	General Fund
	\$500.0	Recurring	Crime Victims Reparation Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Crime Victims Reparation Commission (CVRC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 67 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the crime victims reparation fund to fund support, advocacy, and services for victims of human trafficking. Any unexpended balance at the end of the year would revert to the general fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The legislation appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund. If this bill passes the appropriation would be included in the commission's FY15 operating budget and would be requested again for FY16 making it a recurring appropriation.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Department of Health provided the following:

In 2008, human trafficking became a felony crime in the state of New Mexico. Human trafficking is a form of modern-day slavery. Traffickers use force, fraud or coercion to exploit victims for commercial sex or labor purposes. More than 18,000 victims are trafficked into the U.S. annually and more than half of those victims are children. Human trafficking is the fastest growing criminal industry in the world and it is tied with the illegal arms industry as the second largest criminal industry in the world today. Victims of sex trafficking may be found in massage parlors, brothels, strip clubs and escort services. Victims of labor trafficking may be found in domestic situations as nannies or maids, sweatshop factories, construction sites, farm work or panhandling. Human trafficking is everywhere among us and is sometimes in plain sight.

Texas and the Southwest border continue to serve as the biggest point of illegal entry into the U.S., largely because traffickers are able to get aliens across without documents. The major points of entry into the United States are located in southern (Houston) and central Texas, Southern California, Tucson, Arizona, and areas of New Mexico. While the Southwest border is often used as the main portal into the United States, the emerging ports of entry in the region include Atlanta, Houston, Orlando and Washington D.C.

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