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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Study Federal Food Programs & Obesity SM 123

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
		NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB12, SB 427

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 123 requests that the Department of Health (DOH) study the correlation between obesity rates of participants in the Federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) and participants enrolled in the Federal Special Supplemental Nutrition Program for Women, Infants and Children (WIC).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH reports no fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SM 123 request DOH to study two federally funded nutritional programs funded by the US Department of Agriculture. Each program has distinct requirements, restrictions on what type of foods can be purchased and different goals. DOH states that, “SNAP is designed to reduce hunger, and WIC is designed to provide special supplemental nutrition for the specific populations of low income pregnant women, breastfeeding and non-breastfeeding postpartum

women, and infants and children up to age five who are at nutritional risk.”

DOH highlights in their analysis that the two programs are administered by two different departments in New Mexico. SNAP is administered by the New Mexico Human Services Department (HSD), while WIC is administered by the NM Department of Health. Therefore, DOH would need to work in coordination with HSD to study the two programs and to be able to take appropriate account of the differing program intent and eligibility requirements.

DOH states that “the desired potential impact of the study requested in SM 123 is not articulated. There is no guidance in SM 123 on what might be expected to be changed or implemented should it be found that obesity rate of one program’s participants might be correlated to the obesity rate of another program’s participants... program requirements and guidelines for both (WIC and SNAP) are unique and federally determined; it is unlikely that any of these could be changed solely by New Mexico.” Further, SM 123 does not indicate when the study would need to be presented to the appropriate interim committee, or give guidance on what would be the appropriate interim committee to receive the findings.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DOH reports that SM 123 relates to the DOH FY16 Strategic Plan, Result 1: Improve Health Outcomes for the People of New Mexico.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH states that “to develop study protocol, complete the study and perform analyses would require significant administrative and program staff time for DOH, which would be accomplished with existing resources.”

Relates to:

SB 12: Obesity & Weight Reduction Insurance Coverage

SB 427: Guidelines Limiting SNAP Purchases

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Page 1, Line 24: The obesity rate for two to four year olds in New Mexico low-income families is 11.0% as reported by the federal Center for Disease Control and Prevention in 2011 (Division of Nutrition, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion), not in August 2013, as mentioned in line 24 (DOH analysis).

QUESTION

1. How and for what purpose will this information be used?

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