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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/17

SPONSOR Salazar, N LAST UPDATED _____ HB 107

SHORT TITLE Services for Senior Citizens SB _____

ANALYST Chenier

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
	\$1,431.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 107 appropriates a total \$1.4 million from the general fund to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department which includes \$1.28 million for services delivered through the four area agencies and aging, \$103 thousand for volunteer programs, \$34 thousand for Alzheimer's programming in Northern New Mexico, and \$36 thousand for competitive athletic and fitness programming for seniors.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.4 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY18 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Due to an increasing population of older persons in New Mexico, particularly those over the age of 80, aging network providers are experiencing increasing need and demand for services. Service providers, including local and tribal government providers, have experienced reductions in federal funding resulting in limited financial and physical resources. Consolidation of program

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sites, increased use of volunteers, and enhanced fund-raising efforts, has enabled some local aging network providers to maintain services. Aging network providers include small non-profit organizations, as well as local and tribal governments.

- The Aging Network is the only resource for many New Mexicans. Aging Network services help families remain together, at home, in their own communities and creates a safety-net for elders.
- More than 54,800 older adults relied on the Aging Network for congregate or home-delivered meals in FY16.
- Elders are assisted in living maximally independent lives through Aging Network services which include chore services, home repair, in-home care, adult day services and transportation to the grocery store and doctor's visits.
- These same services provide relief for New Mexico's family caregiver population.

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