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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Salazar DATE TYPED: 1/24/02 HB 62

SHORT TITLE: Statewide Senior Citizen Programs SB _____

ANALYST: Esquibel

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$5,116.8			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act

Duplicates SB56, Statewide Senior Citizens Programs

Relates to HB61, Senior Citizen Program Employee Benefits, HB31, Elderly In-Home Care

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received

State Agency on Aging (SAOA)
 Department of Health (DOH)
 NM Health Policy Commission (HPC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 62 appropriates \$5,116,825 from the general fund to SAOA for the following purposes:

- \$4,147,515 to the six are agencies on aging for senior services such as case management, Alzheimer's respite care, adult daycare, congregate meals, home-delivered meals, transportation, in-home services and senior center services;
- \$507,485 to provide for increased volunteers for the foster grandparent, senior companion and retired senior volunteer programs;

- \$42,475 for increased information, assistance and education services for individuals with Alzheimer's disease or related disorder and their families or caregivers;
- \$196,850 for the health insurance and benefits assistance corps (HIBAC);
- \$80,000 for planning and scholarships for the annual New Mexico conference on aging.

Significant Issues

The following services qualify for federal Medicaid funding: home chore/home repair, home modification, homemaker services, transportation, case management, screening/eligibility determination and outreach/education.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$5,116.8 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY03 shall revert to the general fund.

House Bill 2 currently provides \$28,941.4 for the SAOA budget which funds all of the items proposed in this bill. Additionally, HB2 contains \$6.7 million for the disabled and elderly Medicaid waiver in the Human Services Department which provides funding for nursing and community-based services.

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