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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: King DATE TYPED: 02/11/03 HB 343/a HAFC

SHORT TITLE: County Reimbursement for Extradition Costs SB _____

ANALYST: Sandoval

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$750.0			Recurring	Cash Balances

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 354

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received

Department of Public Safety (DPS)

No Response

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendment

1. House Bill 343/a HAFC reduces the appropriation from the general fund from \$1 million to \$750.0 from the cash balances of the Corrections Department. This funding is to be used in FY02 and FY03.
2. The New Mexico Department of Corrections reports, "There is not \$750,000 of available cash balance left at the Corrections Department. Currently the Department has \$359,000 in cash balance. The majority of the cash balance is made up of excess revenue from the permanent fund income and federal land grants. As stated in Article XIV, Section 2 of the State Constitution, the funds "shall be exclusively used for the purpose for which they were granted." In other words, the funds are specifically earmarked for the Corrections Department and no other entity."

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 343 makes amendments to certain sections of the state statutes to establish a rate of reimbursement to counties for expenses incurred while extraditing and transporting state prisoners. Counties shall be reimbursed by the state for not more than fifty percent of per diem, mileage and other necessary travel expenses. Counties with populations of one hundred thousand or more, as determined by the 2000 United States census, shall not cumulatively receive more than fifty percent of the total amount of money allocated to all counties in each fiscal year as reimbursement. All claims for reimbursement shall be submitted to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration.

House Bill 343 appropriates \$1,000.0 from the general fund to Local government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for the purpose of reimbursing counties for the cost of extraditing, transporting and feeding state prisoners.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,000.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 343 relates to House Bill 354.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Why is should the state pay for fifty percent of these per diem, mileage and other necessary travel expenses?
2. What costs has the Department of Finance and Administration attributed to these expenses in the past?
3. Will this bill increase the costs of operations for county and local governments?

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