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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Beam DATE TYPED: 01/30/02 HB HJM52

SHORT TITLE: Incarceration of Female Inmates Task Force SB _____

ANALYST: Trujillo

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
		\$0.1 Minimal		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From:
Corrections Department (CD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 48 requests the CD develop a task force to examine issues regarding the incarceration of female inmates and report its findings to an appropriate interim committee.

The Memorial also invites the participation on the task force of:

- (1) the Warden of the Women's Correctional Facility in Grants,
- (2) a representative of the Corrections Corporation of America,
- (3) a representative of the New Mexico Women's Justice Project,
- (4) a representative of the Office of the Attorney General,
- (5) a representative of the Public Defender Department,
- (6) a district court judge,

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- (7) a representative of the Office of Health Services of the Corrections Department,
and
- (8) a representative of the Classification Office of the Corrections Department.

The task force is required to prepare a written report of its findings and to submit its report to the appropriate Interim Legislative Committee prior to November 1, 2002.

Significant Issues

CD reports the most significant issue to the agency is that the task force created by this memorial is probably a much better way to address these matters; rather than the formal Independent Board of Inquiry created by SB 196.

The memorial will result in a minor increase in the administrative burden upon CD personnel who would be required to participate in the task force.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation in the Memorial. CD reports the memorial would result in a slight increase in costs to CD a result of being required to participate in the task force and to prepare and submit a report to the Interim Legislative Committee. CD should be able to absorb this minor increase in costs.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The memorial will result in a minor increase in the administrative burden upon CD.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to SB196
Duplicates SJM48

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