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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Marquardt DATE TYPED: 3/05/03 HB 638

SHORT TITLE: Statewide Independent Living Council Services SB _____

ANALYST: Segura

APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained | | Estimated Additional Impact | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------|----------------------|---------------|
| FY03 | FY04 | FY03 | FY04 | | |
| | \$330.0 | | | Recurring | GF |
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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 638 appropriates \$330.0 to provide a cost-of-living adjustment, start independent living programs in unserved counties and support rural independent livings services.

Significant Issues

The bill if enacted would provide independent living services to New Mexicans with disabilities and the opportunity to increase their independence. The funding would enable the agency to provide these services to unserved counties and rural areas.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 638 appropriates \$330.0 from the general fund and is recurring.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DVR indicates that they have the experience, administrative procedures and an established program to develop and implement the intent of the legislation.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The consequences of not enacting this bill would be that people with disabilities living in unserved counties in New Mexico will continue to be without services resulting in increased dependence on strained resources, both personal and public.

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