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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Aragon DATE TYPED: 03/07/03 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: New Bernalillo Metro Courthouse SB 791

ANALYST: Hayes

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$360.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 786 and SB 790

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)
Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court (BCMC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 791 appropriates \$360.0 from the general fund to the Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court for the purpose of creating and funding ten full-time court clerks.

Significant Issues

1. Construction of the new Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court (BCMC) building is expected to be completed by November 2003. The new courthouse will be 244,000 square feet, more than triple the size of the old building, and will contain 20 courtrooms. Because of the structure's expanded size, operating costs will increase along with a need for more employees. This legislation addresses the increase in the number of Court Clerk II's by 10 and provides funding for salaries and benefits for those positions.

2. The 10 additional positions requested in SB 791 are supported by the *Judiciary Unified Budget*.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$360.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

RELATIONSHIP

SB 786 appropriates \$1.2 million in recurring general fund to BCMC for “operating expenses.”
SB 790 provides BCMC with a one-time appropriation totaling \$200.0 for moving expenses.

CMH/yr