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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Marquardt DATE TYPED 2/2/04 HB 281

SHORT TITLE Statewide Living Services SB _____

ANALYST Segura

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$330.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 281 appropriates \$330.0 to DVR to provide a cost-of-living adjustment, start independent living programs in unserved counties and support rural independent living services.

Significant Issues

According to DVR, services to rural and unserved counties would enable New Mexicans with disabilities to increase their independence.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 281 appropriates \$330.0 from the general fund and would be recurring.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DVR has the experience, the administrative procedures and structure to distribute these funds in

the most cost effective manner.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to DVR, by not enacting this bill, New Mexicans with disabilities living in unserved counties of the state will continue to go without services resulting in increased dependence on already strained resources.

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