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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cervantes DATE TYPED 2/5/2004 HB 544

SHORT TITLE “Division” in Local DWI Grant Program Act SB _____

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
			(62.0)	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Duplicates SB 22

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
New Mexico Performance Review

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 544 transfers the responsibility of administering the Driving While Intoxicated (DWI) grant program from the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to the Department of Health (DOH).

Significant Issues

Governor Richardson’s New Mexico Performance Review recommends transferring the DWI grant fund to DOH to “take advantage of DOH’s experience in managing health programs.” The report states this move would save taxpayers money, improve service for customers, make New Mexico roadways safer, and lead to better prevention and treatment results. The review recommends deleting 1 FTE in effecting the transfer resulting in the cost savings, estimated at \$62.0 in general fund.

DOH states the agency currently supports county health councils and tribal entities with funding, training, and technical assistance for purpose of improving health in New Mexico. Integration of the work of county DWI planning councils will enhance delivery of prevention and treatment services.

FISCAL IMPACT

The local DWI grant program administered by DFA provides approximately \$13.2 million to local governments. Approximately \$600 thousand is used by DFA for program administration. Administration of the fund and the operating budget related to the DWI program would be transferred to DOH.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

DOH is concerned there may be other references in statute related to the DWI that referencing DFA administration of the Local DWI Grant Program Act.

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