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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Salazar DATE TYPED 1/25/05 HB 167

SHORT TITLE Statewide Senior Citizen Programs SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$7,824.8			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 167 appropriates \$7.8 million from the general fund to ALTSD for the following purposes:

- \$6.3 million to the six area agencies on aging for senior services, including adult daycare, case management, congregate meals, home-delivered meals, in-home services, transportation and senior center services;
- \$551.9 thousand for volunteer services, including foster grandparent, senior companion and retired senior volunteer programs;
- \$357.6 thousand for the senior employment program to create job opportunities for senior citizens within the aging network;
- \$520.8 thousand for provision of information, assistance, education and respite services to individuals with Alzheimer’s disease or related disorders and their families or caregivers; and
- \$110.3 thousand for statewide legal assistance for senior citizens.

Significant Issues

ALTSD notes the “aging network” or the providers of these services have been facing an increased demand for services by a rapidly increasing age 60 plus population. Budget constraints in other New Mexico state programs, such as Medicaid, have impacted aging service programs as older individuals are referred to the ALTSD programs. Those aging network providers then try to meet the needs of older adults and have had minor increases in their base budgets in the past several years.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ALTSD states the aging network requires funding to meet the growing demands of the current older adult population. Critical services provided by this network prevent institutionalization and provide a safety net to other state programs that serve the elderly and are undergoing regulatory changes in eligibility. Without an increase in funding the aging network service providers will continue to develop waiting lists and having to say not available to those older individuals needing services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$7.8 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Aging and Long-Term Services Department has the capacity to implement the funding with existing staff and systems.

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