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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Leavell DATE TYPED 2/22/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Male Inmates in Privately Owned Prisons SB 982

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$1,000.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 982 appropriates \$1,000,000 from the general fund to New Mexico Corrections Department to be used for housing male inmates in privately operated correctional facilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,000,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

NMCD reports the \$1,000,000 appropriation would cover approximately 50 inmates at privately operated facilities. NMCD states the funds would be utilized to cover inmate population growth. NMCD reports the Department would have to request these funds in future years to the Legislature.

NMCD reports that many or most of the male inmates coming into the correction's system will be housed at one of the privately operated facilities in Hobbs or Santa Rosa. NMCD states the money could probably be completely utilized in fiscal year 2006.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

In October 2004, the Corrections Department reported to the Department of Finance Administration that the Department was short by \$7.1 million in out-of-system (private) prison beds funding for fiscal year 2005.

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