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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/21/06

SPONSOR Powdrell-Culbert LAST UPDATED _____ HB 93

SHORT TITLE Commission on Women Teamworks Job Training SB _____

ANALYST Lewis

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	190.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women (NMCSW)
 Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)
 Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

FOR THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 93 appropriates \$190,000 from the general fund to the Commission on the Status of Women for programs for clients at the Camino Nuevo facility, including:

- 1) \$100,000 for the Teamworks Program for job training and work release; and
- 2) \$90,000 for reentry, resource and referral services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$190,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the New Mexico Commission on the Status of Women (NMCSW), TeamWorks is well equipped to provide/coordinate vocational training (Life Skills/Computer Skills) services to and with Level I and II women referred from Camino Nuevo. Additionally, the current TeamWorks Director has an extended history of working for and in NMCD as an educator, therapist and administrator.

TeamWorks currently serves women who are heads of single-family households who have evidenced a gamut of needs that parallel those of women in the prison system. As such, they specialize in assessing and addressing the needs of an at-risk population. To that end, TeamWorks personnel serve not only as instructors/case managers, but also as coordinators of services to assist women to overcome barriers by attaining skills/support/resources to enter or re-enter the workplace.

According to the Human Services Department (HSD), this appropriation is not supported by the executive or LFC budget recommendations. [Note: Although TeamWorks is included in the executive budget, it is only as a workforce development program for adult women, as part of the federal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) block grant program. HSD notes that women at the Camino Nuevo facility are not eligible to receive services under TANF.]

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HSD has been asked by CSW to participate in planning meetings to help evaluate participant supportive resources for potential participants in this project.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Continued lack of training for women and girls attempting to go into the work force when released.

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