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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Swisstack		ORIGINAL DATE LAST UPDATED	1-28-06	HB	628			
SHORT TITLE		Services for Elderly to Remain in Homes			SB			
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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)								

Appropr	iation	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$350.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 129 Duplicates SB 251 and HB 490

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

<u>Responses Received From</u> Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 628 appropriates \$350 thousand from the general fund to ALTSD for the purpose of funding a federal demonstration project known as naturally occurring retirement communities and to contract with community service providers to provide an array of services to elderly persons wishing to remain in their own homes.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$350 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ALTSD notes the purpose of this appropriation is to develop and assess an innovative service delivery model to enable senior citizens to avoid premature institutionalization through suppor-

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tive in-home services. The project includes provisions for an array of community-based physical, mental health and medical services, targeted to populations living in naturally occurring retirement communities. Services are currently provided by the Jewish Family Service of New Mexico in Albuquerque. The model is a "grassroots" effort with each local community to develop services and supports tailored to each community's needs. The model was initiated in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, and has expanded to Ft. Sumner.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

ALTSD has the capacity to implement the funding with existing staff and systems. ALTSD staff will need to develop a RFP and provide contract oversight for local providers.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 628 relates to House Bill 129, which funds naturally occurring retirement communities (NORC) at \$100 thousand. House Bill 628 also duplicates Senate Bill 251 and House Bill 490.

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