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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/3/06

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 701

SHORT TITLE Taos County Long-Term Drug Abuse Treatment SB _____

ANALYST Lewis

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 347 (Taos County Alcohol & Substance Abuse Program).

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)
Health Policy Commission (HPC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 701 appropriates \$198,800 from the general fund to the Department of Health to contract for long-term drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation in Taos County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$198,000 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 Department of Health (DOH), extensive research shows that long-term treatment has been most effective for persons who are severely addicted to alcohol and drugs such as methamphetamine.

The DOH Epidemiology and Response Division reports that, in 2000-2002, Taos County ranked

- 9th in the state for alcohol- and drug-related deaths (a rate of 85 deaths per 100,000);
- 7th for alcohol- and drug-related hospitalizations (902 hospitalizations per 100,000);
- 2nd for state-funded substance abuse treatment admission rates from 2001-2003 (106 admissions per 100,000);
- 7th in the state for death rates from alcohol-related chronic disease (37 per 100,000);
- 7th in the state for alcohol-related injury (31 per 100,000);
- 6th for alcohol-related chronic liver disease death (17 per 100,000); and
- 5th for alcohol-related motor vehicle crash deaths (13 per 100,000) from 1999-2003.

HB 701 is not part of the DOH executive budget request.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes that all behavioral health resources are currently being administered through the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative. The resources would be allocated through coordination with this Collaborative.

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