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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sandoval ORIGINAL DATE 2/4/06
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 813
SHORT TITLE Services for Persons with Disabilities SB _____
ANALYST Lewis

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 814 (Bernalillo Disabilities Services)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 813 appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health to contract with an international standards organization (ISO) 9000 certified nonprofit organization for the developmentally disabled for services in Bernalillo and Valencia Counties to assist persons with disabilities to access their communities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50,000 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 bill's sponsor, the appropriation is intended to support services provided to persons with disabilities by Adelante Development Center, Inc., a nonprofit service agency with locations in Bernalillo, Sandoval, and Valencia Counties.

According to Adelante's home page at <http://www.goadelante.org/index.html> the organization's mission is to support people with disabilities as they discover and implement their personal goals in life. Adelante's services are community-based and include programs for people who are physically or mentally disabled (including people with severely disabling conditions), those who have chronic neuromuscular diseases, and those who are disabled simply due to the aging process.

The Department of Health (DOH) notes that it is unclear why the contract should be made with an ISO 9000 certified nonprofit organization, and adds that DOH is required by the state procurement code to complete the RFP process for contract funding in the amount of \$50,000. ISO certification is not required of contractors with the DOH.

HB 813 is not part of the DOH executive budget request.

The Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC), observing that this bill appears to be intended to provide funding to a specific organization, questions how many persons would be served; what services would be provided; and whether the funding will be used to help reduce the waiting list of over 3,400 people waiting for DD waiver services.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The DOH notes that administrative implication for the department would include staff time to conduct RFPs, execute a contract and monitor the implementation and completion of the contract.

ALTERNATIVES

The DDPC suggests that, instead of funding specific developmental disability (DD) providers, these funds could be used to help offset the list of persons across the state on the Central Registry who are waiting for DD services.

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