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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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CYFD SANDOVAL COUNTY POVERTY

SHORT TITLE PROJECT SB 553

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 553 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to Children, Youth and Families Department for the purpose of engaging communities in Sandoval county in a project that helps families move out of poverty, helps children to succeed in school and presents systemic solutions to poverty.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

There would not be any fiscal implications for the Public Education Department (PED).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Annie E. Casey Foundation sponsored “Kids Count” annual data report, New Mexico consistently ranks among the bottom states in the nation for percentage of children living in poverty. Poverty is strongly and pervasively associated with lower developmental, behavioral, educational, and health outcomes in children, as well as with higher rates of domestic violence, incarceration, and substance abuse among adult family members.

From: United Way of Central New Mexico, *COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT FOR SANDOVAL COUNTY*, September 2005.

Survey of Community Issues

The most important community issues/groups for charities to support were children and child abuse, the same as for the overall sample.

Demographics

- As of the census of 2000, there are 89,908 people, 31,411 households, and 23,621 families residing in the county.
- There are 31,411 households out of which 38.60% have children under the age of 18 living with them.
- In the county the population is spread out with 29.60% under the age of 18,
- 12.10% of the population and 9.00% of families are below the poverty line.
- Out of the total population, 15.60% of those under the age of 18 are living below the poverty line.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

By addressing such barriers to learning as poverty, this legislation could help Sandoval County residents move out of poverty and thereby may have a positive impact on academic achievement and graduation rates.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD will absorb any administrative costs associated with passage of this bill.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The language in the bill is broad. The goal seems to want to move families out of poverty, help children succeed in school, and systemically solve poverty.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

- New Mexico is ranked 48th (second next to worst) in the nation with its population living

in poverty (www.kidscount.org).

- The number of homeless children and youths in New Mexico, according to the PED 2004-05 program data collection report, is 4,386.
- Homeless children get sick four times as often as children in middle class families (Kids' Corner: Facts about homelessness, <http://www.nationalhomeless.org>).
- Homeless children go hungry twice as often as other children (Kids' Corner: Facts about homelessness, <http://www.nationalhomeless.org>).
- Homeless children have more mental health problems than other children, but less than one-third receives treatment (Kids' Corner: Facts about homelessness, <http://www.nationalhomeless.org>).
- New Mexico is ranked the worst (50th) in the nation with persons 18 to 24 living in poverty (www.kidscount.org).
- New Mexico is ranked 49th (next to worst) in the nation with children living below 150% poverty (www.kidscount.org).
- New Mexico is ranked 48th (second next to worst) in the nation with children living below 250% poverty (www.kidscount.org).

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