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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE
LAST UPDATED _____

SPONSOR Gutierrez HB 110

SHORT TITLE Workforce Training Programs & Software SB _____

ANALYST Weber

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$800.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 110 appropriates \$800 thousand from the general fund to the Human Services Department to fund community action agencies to establish the reweaving community model and software, which matches resources of low-income clients with other persons, businesses and organizations in communities to maximize opportunities and well-being

The appropriation of \$800 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

A representative for Community Action New Mexico indicates the purpose is to provide each of the eight local community action groups \$100 thousand for this project. Community weaving is a philosophy concerning the development of the fabric of local communities. The web site offers the following excerpt.

Community Weaving is a innovative approach to foster a community of responsible citizens who create family support networks where they share their time, gifts, talents and

resources with others. This community mobilization strategy increases civic engagement and social capital by tapping grass root resources resulting in the creation of healthy thriving communities. Family Support Networks meet the needs of families and children in the old fashioned way, neighbor to neighbor. Through the use of telephones and a web-based technology families can easily and immediately access a myriad of resources to help themselves and others in the community.

Community Weaving is a social change methodology that incorporates the use of web-based technology to weave the human and tangible resources of the grassroots with the knowledge and skills of formal systems. The approach raises social consciousness and awakens the human spirit to its purpose by engaging people to take responsibility for what they care about to create a more caring, just and civil society.

The theories and practices underpinning Community Weaving create village effects, unfettered by bureaucracy, politics, religious doctrine, racism, or socioeconomic status, that transcend cultures. This transformative community building approach weaves a multi-cultural community tapestry of connections within communities, across organizations and around the world

It is reported, but not confirmed, that the software mentioned is provided at no cost.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The wording of the bill is somewhat vague and consideration should be given to better define the purpose and expected results.

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