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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/07

SPONSOR R.J. Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 714

SHORT TITLE TAOS COUNTY SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$30.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 714 appropriates \$30.0 from the General Fund to provide volunteer household assistance, transportation, organized activities and other services for Taos County senior citizens.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$30.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA notes that a non-denominational program located in Taos County would like to improve the quality of life for senior citizens of Taos County and enhance their ability to stay in their own homes by providing volunteer household assistance, transportation and organized activities for seniors. The program conducted a needs assessment survey of the senior population of Taos County in 2005 and as a result of the survey discovered many of the gaps in services for the seniors of the Taos community. The program hopes to fill some of these gaps.

The program is supported by the Town of Taos.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation contained in HB 714 would be administered by the Local Government Division. However, the bill does not describe a Community Development program. Therefore, DFA recommends that the administrative responsibility be assigned to the Aging and Long-term Care Department which specializes in this type of program.

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