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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/13/07

SPONSOR Steinborn LAST UPDATED _____ HB 716

SHORT TITLE Dona Ana Emergency Medicine Dispensing SB _____

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$60.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates: Senate Bill 472

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 716 would appropriate \$60,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health (DOH) for expenditure in FY 08 to pay for emergency medicine dispensing services in Dona Ana County. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no funding for this program in the proposed FY08 operating budget of the Department of Health.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to representatives of the local behavioral health collaborative, HB716 would provide funding for a mental health professional who can prescribe medications for individuals who have an immediate need for medication to avert a medical and/or psychiatric crisis. Most likely, DOH

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would contract with an agency that would have a psychiatric nurse practitioner who could oversee prescribing.

Several things increase the number of mentally ill people in Dona Ana County beyond what would be expected in a county with its population: proximity to El Paso and the porous Mexican border, the intersections of I-10 & I-25 allowing easy access, and the mild climate which provides a harbor to a large number of transient individuals with mental illness.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT

HB 716 would require the DOH to issue and manage an RFP to contract with a local entity for the management of emergency medicine prescribing services. All contracts created through this funding would adhere to the Procurement Code.

DUPLICATION

HB 716 duplicates SB 472.

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