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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gutierrez ORIGINAL DATE 02/22/07
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1006
SHORT TITLE Dona Ana Emergency Services & Supplies SB _____
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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1006 appropriates \$50 thousand dollars from the general fund for expenditure in FY08 to provide for emergency services and supplies delivered by an international rescue agency in Dona Ana County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand 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.

The bill is not specific for what type of emergency services and type of supplies; and, to which international rescue agency the appropriation is being directed.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH provides the following comments:

New Mexico has approximately 450 Emergency Medical System (EMS) services. Of these, approximately half of the EMS services are provided by a volunteer workforce. The number of volunteers in a given service can vary from one to ten. Dona Ana County has 23 fire and/or emergency medical services. Of these, approximately 13 are volunteer organizations and the other 10 services are paid providers.

Many services are located in rural communities and have difficulty providing financial support for day-to-day operations of a service. If these services are not provided to the community, it may be necessary for other health and medical services to backfill the emergency medical services.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes the bill relates to the 2006 Comprehensive Strategic Health Plan -- Chapter 10, GOAL 1: Increase and Fortify Human and Material Resources to Respond to Health Emergencies and GOAL 2: New Mexico Communities are prepared to respond to a Public Health Emergency.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

No additional funding may be available to provide for emergency services and supplies delivered by an international rescue agency in Dona Ana County.

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