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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/13/07

SPONSOR Gardner LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1079

SHORT TITLE Chaves County Character Development Program SB _____

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	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 1079 appropriates \$100.0 from the General Fund to support a character development program in Chaves County.

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 FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA reports that Character Counts! in Chaves County is a nonprofit corporation started by Senator Pete Domenici and Roswell Mayor Tom Jennings in 1994. The Character Counts! Program of Chaves County is both an educational and community based program that benefits and serves the entire county to (1) instill the values of trustworthiness, respect, responsibility, fairness, caring and citizenship for our children; (2) implement the six pillars of character through community service projects; and (3) recognize students and adults for their accomplishments.

Some of the programs that are funded through the Character Counts! in Chavez County are the Annual Character Recognition Banquets, National Character Counts! Week celebrations, Athlete Recognition & Coaches Recognition Programs, as well as, the “Pursuing Victory With Honor” Youth Coaches Seminars, and recently added Teachers of Character and Honoring the Badge: Building and Upholding the Public Trust programs all contribute to the future of Chaves County. A dedicated and active board of 35 individuals from a wide range of backgrounds continues to meet monthly to oversee the various activities.

The funds in HB-1079 will pay for operating costs incurred through the Character Counts! in Chavez County activities. The funds will be used to pay for banquets, workshops, plaques to children, a scholarship program, and to help finance the June Summer Leadership Camp, where students from around the state learn community service and leadership skills.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA has the staff expertise and experience to manage this appropriation.

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