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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Powdrell-Culbert ORIGINAL DATE 2/01/2007
LAST UPDATED _____ HB HJM 22
SHORT TITLE Study Human Trafficking in New Mexico SB _____
ANALYST Wilson

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$0.1	\$0.1		Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 22 requests the secretary of the Department of Public Safety to assemble and chair a task force. The task force should consist of a representative of the Attorney General's Office (AGO), the United States Attorney's Office; the Labor Department, the Department of Health and the Children, Youth and Families Department.

The purpose of the task force will be to:

- assess the nature and extent of human trafficking in New Mexico
- assess state responses to date
- make recommendations to the legislature for development of state law to prosecute traffickers
- study the nature and extent of human trafficking in this state
- investigate collaborative models for protecting victims of trafficking
- evaluate New Mexico's progress in preventing trafficking
- evaluate approaches by other state and local governments to increase public awareness of human trafficking
- analyze existing laws dealing with trafficking

According to the memorial the task force must prepare a report detailing its findings and recommendations, including methods to address human trafficking and to provide a coordinated system of support and assistance to its victims.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The task force report its findings and recommendations to the governor and the legislature by July 1, 2008.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The agencies serving on the task force will have to absorb any costs with there current funding.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Human trafficking is a serious problem in the United States and throughout the world.

Human traffickers prey on the most vulnerable and turn a commercial profit at the expense of innocent lives.

Victims of trafficking are recruited, transported or sold into all forms of forced labor and servitude, including prostitution, sweatshops, domestic service and farming.

Each year an estimated 600,000 to 800,000 women, men and children are trafficked across international borders, 14,500 to 17,500 of whom are trafficked into the United States.

Approximately eighty percent of trafficking victims are female and many are trafficked for sex and the commercial sex industry; and

The southwest border continues to serve as the biggest point of illegal entry into the United States, largely because traffickers are able to get undocumented people across without documents.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Agencies on the task force will have to absorb any administrative cost involved by serving on the task force.

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