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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/16/07

SPONSOR Picraux LAST UPDATED _____ HB HM 108

SHORT TITLE Keshet Dance Company, Congrats SB _____

ANALYST Lucero

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		NFI		NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 108 requests Children, Youth and Families Department to commend Keshet Dance Company on its dance programs, its education and social curricula and its provision of mentorship relationships for incarcerated and paroled youth, all aimed at reducing juvenile recidivism rates.

HM 108 also requires CYFD to report on its progress in collaborating with Keshet Dance Company and similar entities to implement dance and other arts programs to prevent incarceration in at-risk populations and reduce recidivism rates for juvenile offenders.

Copies of the memorial are to be transmitted to the Secretary of Children, Youth and Families Department, the appropriate interim legislative committee, and the Legislative Finance Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill does not contain an appropriation.

There may be a minimal fiscal impact to CYFD for reporting on progress being made collaborating with Keshet Dance Company.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Arts based programs, such as those which Keshet provides, have been shown to reduce recidivism, improve a youth's focus, functioning and progress in many aspects of their education, fosters a youth's improved positive self-concept and reduces conflict between at-risk youth.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

HM 108 relates to the Governor's policy initiative Safer New Mexico Task 9.4: Increase successful re-entry of adult and juvenile offenders to society. The CYFD strategy of increasing the quality and life-appropriateness of client programming in facilities as preparation for community re-entry and in front-end community supervision services ties directly to the present bill.

HM 108 relates to the Governor's Safer New Mexico goal of increasing youth alternatives to gangs and increasing community awareness of gang activity by providing gang awareness, prevention and education in New Mexico's rural areas and Native American communities.

HM 108 could positively impact measures that relate to the Governor's Obesity Prevention initiative. Obesity prevention initiatives can enhance school attendance, graduation rates and student performance.

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