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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/07
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Las Vegas Special Olympics Events SB 748
ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$49.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB 561 is similar with the exception of this bill requesting \$152.0 and refers to sports events by people with special needs.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Governors Commission on Disability (GCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 748 appropriates \$49.0 from the General Fund to DFA to support the Las Vegas Special Olympics.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$49.0 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

The Governors Commission on Disability noted that Special Olympics is an international nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with intellectual (developmental) disabilities to become physically fit, productive and respected members of society through sports

training and competition. The concept of Special Olympics was born when Eunice Kennedy Shriver started a day camp for people with intellectual disabilities at her home in 1962. Shriver believed that people with intellectual disabilities were far more capable than commonly believed and deserving of the same opportunities and experiences as others.

San Miguel County sought funding from the Governor's Commission on Disability. The agency had the Quality of Life grants; however, the request came after the deadline for proposals. This would have been a very worthwhile program to fund. The agency would not have been able to fund this program to this level if the proposal was received in time.

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