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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/19/07

SPONSOR Cisneros LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Taos County Drug Treatment Services SB 1089

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$84.6	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB 672, HB 768, HB 668, SB 280

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 1089 would appropriate \$84,600 from the general fund to the Department of Health for expenditure in FY08 to contract for alcohol and substance abuse treatment services in Talpa, located in Taos County. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of the FY08 shall revert to the General Fund

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes that SB 1089 is not part of the DOH executive budget request. SB 1089 would appropriate substance abuse behavioral health funding directly to a single agency rather than through the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative. DOH believes that this would diminish the purpose of the Collaborative, which is to coordinate all behavioral health services in New Mexico.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Talpa is a residential community of approximately 800 residents located about 5 miles south of Taos. There is one small substance abuse program named “In God We Trust” located in Talpa. The program consists of two staff and is primarily a twelve step program with one-on-one and group interventions. Current treatment for substance abuse problems in Taos County is primarily provided by Taos-Colfax Community Services, Inc. located in Taos.

SB 1089 would earmark funding to the only provider in Talpa. This agency is currently part of the Value Options New Mexico (VONM) network and receives \$19,500 to provide services.

RELATIONSHIP

SB 1089 closes relates to HB 672, which would give DOH \$80,000 to contract for alcohol and substance abuse services in Talpa in Taos County, including curriculum materials and professional and administrative services. SB 1089 also relates to HB 668, which would appropriate \$50,000 to DOH for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to contract for long-term drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation in Taos County. Also, SB 768 would appropriate \$82,000 to the local government division of the department of finance and administration (DFA) for drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs in Taos County and SB 280, Section 2. 10 would appropriate \$57,000 to the local government division of DFA for community activities, including youth programs and alcohol programs, in Talpa in Taos County.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

HSD notes that the bill does not speak to for what purpose these funds will be used. Historically, funding for drug and alcohol treatment services goes through goes the Behavioral Health Services Division of the Department of Health (DOH) for adults; through HSD for intensive outpatient programs for cash-assistance recipients; and through the Corrections Department and its community corrections programs. DFA, through its DWI Program under the Local Government Division, does fund treatment through an alcohol and detoxification treatment program grant and indirectly through its distribution and competitive grants (treatment is one of eight components for which funds may be used at the county’s discretion).

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