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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/11/07

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE South Valley Male Involvement Project SB SM 14

ANALYST Wilson

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB124 & SB 280

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 14 encourages young men to be active in their communities and families and commends a project in Albuquerque's south valley for its successes in encouraging young men to become active.

The memorial recognizes the south valley male involvement project for its innovative and creative approaches to reaching out to youth and addressing public health issues.

The south valley male involvement project is encouraged to increase its financial resources and replicate itself throughout the state.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no fiscal impact

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The south valley male involvement project since 2004 has encouraged young men to become more closely involved with their communities and families through innovative outreach integrated with clinical services.

Young male involvement in sexual reproductive health, including discussions on abstinence and comprehensive sexual education, information on clinical services and testing and discussion of risky behaviors, is key to ensuring that young men understand they are mutual contributors to pregnancy.

Fostering young men's self-respect helps encourage them to respect their partners and the community as a whole.

The south valley male involvement project has initiated a special bilingual Spanish-English project focusing on weekly discussion of male issues among 14 to 18 year-old men.

Discussion sessions within the project as well as songs and public service announcements written by project members have motivated the young men and others to become more involved with family and community.

Basketball tournaments and teen dances sponsored and organized by the south valley male involvement project help to combat obesity as well as providing positive resources and healthy alternatives.

Such social outreach to young men gives them a chance to become active contributors to a sense of community and to a betterment of community as well as helping the world become safer from violence.

Decreased rates of teen pregnancy and sexually transmitted infections are likely to result from more male involvement in family and community;

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

SM14 relates to:

- SB124 which will appropriate \$2,600,000 from the general fund to the DOH to develop and implement a statewide teen pregnancy prevention program;
- SB 280 which will appropriate \$701,000 from the general fund to the DOH of which \$32,000 is for the SVMIP.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The US teen birth rate for teens ages 15-17 decreased by 26% from 1998 to 2004 in comparison to the New Mexico teen birth rate which decreased by 16% from 1998 to 2004. In 2004, New Mexico's teen birth rate was over 1 1/2 times higher than the United States' teen birth rate. In 2000, there were 3,627 new teen mothers ages 15-19 in New Mexico. In 2004, there were 152 fewer new teen mothers. DOH contributed to this decline. By reducing first teen births by 152, NM saved \$25,840,000.

The DOH funds various evidence-based teen pregnancy prevention education programs, including male involvement with the South Valley Male Involvement Project (SVMIP), to reduce New Mexico's high teen birth rate. The goals of the SVMIP are to:

- Improve educational and clinical services for men of all ages in Albuquerque's South Valley;
- Reduce risk behaviors that lead to unintended pregnancy, HIV and STDs; and
- Decrease the prevalence of violence, pregnancy and STDs among teens 15-19 in the South Valley.

In 2006, the SVMIP provided educational sessions to 3,877 unduplicated individuals and provided outreach to a total of 5,748.

While birth rates for white teens in New Mexico have decreased by 28.2% from 2000 to 2004, there was little change in birth rates for Hispanic and American Indian. The birth rate among Hispanic females has declined less than the rate for all races both in New Mexico and in the United States. Hispanic females comprise 46% of the female population aged 15-17 but nearly 71% of the births in that age group. In 2004, the birth rate for Hispanic teens ages 15-17 was nearly four times higher than the rate to white teens. In addition, the American Indian teen birth rate was 2 1/2 times higher than the white teen birth rate.

DOH believes this memorial will recognize and create awareness for these disparities of the underserved and underinsured.

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