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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/08

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED _____ HB 354

SHORT TITLE Sports Events for People with Special Needs SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$152.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Governor's Commission on Disability (GCD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 354, Making and Appropriation to Support the Participation in Sports Events by People with Special Needs, appropriates \$152.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose supporting participation in sports events by people with special needs from San Miguel County..

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$152.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

GCD notes that the Special Olympics is an unprecedented global movement which, through quality sports training and competition, improves the lives of people with disabilities and, in turn, the lives of everyone they touch. Special Olympics empower people with disabilities to realize their full potential and develop their skills through year-round sports training and

competition. As a result, Special Olympics athletes become fulfilled and productive members of their families and the communities in which they live. Special Olympics provide an experience that is energizing, healthy, skillful, welcoming and inclusive.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

GCD notes that the bill should be amended on line 19 to read “**people with disabilities**” instead of “**people with special needs.**” Last year the Legislature updated statute to be current. This amendment shows the New Mexico Legislature is current on disability issues.

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