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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Expand Alcalde Treatment Center Capacity SB 51

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 51 will appropriate \$300 thousand to the DOH for expenditure in FY09 to contract for an increase in the bed capacity for residential drug and alcohol treatment facilities in the Alcalde area of Rio Arriba County.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 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.

The appropriation included in this bill is not included in DOH's Executive Budget Request for expenditure in FY09. The Governor's budget includes appropriations for the range of services that comprise New Mexico's Behavioral Health System, including priority community services and residential drug and alcohol treatment facilities.

NMCD notes that if the provisions within the bill enable more individuals residing in that part of the state to obtain needed residential drug and alcohol treatment, it reduces the likelihood that

these individuals will thereafter commit substance abuse-related offenses. Thus, it could indirectly lead to fewer convictions, and possibly to a minimal decrease in the Department's prison population and probation/parole caseloads.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

DOH reports that the bill does not specify the residential treatment facility to receive this appropriation nor does it specify the population to be targeted. SB51 also does not address any coordination of activities with the New Mexico Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

DOH further reports that the services proposed in the bill relate to Goal 4, Task 4.2: Improve access, quality, and value of mental health and substance abuse services identified in the Governor's Performance and Accountability Contract.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

HSD rather than DOH contains the Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD), the "single state mental health and substance abuse authority" (SSA), which ensures that contracts for treatment services are appropriate and effective. Both HSD and DOH are members of the Behavioral Health Collaborative and engaged in planning, implementing and monitoring services, including bed capacity throughout the state.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

DOH further notes that the appropriation could be included in the HSD budget for behavioral health services; as HSD contains functions related to behavioral health treatment in the Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD).

### **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Funding by way of this bill may not be available to contract for an increase in the bed capacity for residential drug and alcohol treatment facilities in the Alcalde area of Rio Arriba County.

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