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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/21/08

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Bernalillo Youth Educational Programs SB 187

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$50.0	Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 187, Making an Appropriation for Recreational and Educational Youth Programs in Bernalillo County, appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of recreational and educational youth programs in Bernalillo County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a non-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

According to the Department of Health, SB 187 proposes a recreation and educational program focused on health and wellness for youth living in the Old Town section of Bernalillo County. Data from Area Code 87104, where the Old Town section is located, indicates that 19.11% of the population is aged 15 years or younger. Of the residents living in zip code 87104, 61.29% identify as Hispanic/Latino (compared to 41.96% in all of Bernalillo County) and 4.9% of residents identify as American Indian/Alaskan Native (compared to 4.62% in all of Bernalillo

County). In addition 16.74% of Albuquerque residents with children under the age of 18 years living in 87104 live under 185% of poverty guidelines compared to 8.51% in the Northwest quadrant of Albuquerque, and 9.91% in all of Bernalillo County. (<http://www.health.state.nm.us/pdf/ABQ-Health-and-Social-Indicator-Map-Book-v6a-e.pdf>)

A health and wellness program geared towards addressing obesity and lack of physical activity could address one of the many problems facing New Mexico's children and adolescents. Obesity is rapidly becoming the most common chronic medical condition impacting children and adolescents. Overweight acquired during childhood and adolescence is likely to persist into adulthood and increase the risk for a number of chronic and debilitating diseases. Regular physical activity in children and adolescents improves strength and endurance, and helps control weight. Low physical activity levels among today's youth are directly related to the increasing trends in obesity among the adolescent population.

In 2005, the New Mexico Public Education Department established the Wellness Policy Rule requiring local school districts to establish a School Health Advisory Council to institute the nutrition, physical activity and evaluation components based on the coordinated school health approach. SB 187 would complement efforts of the coordinated school health approach: increase physical activity, nutrition and health education and coordination of family, school and community partnership.

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