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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_  
SHORT TITLE Nursing Home Care for the Elderly Film SB 374  
ANALYST Geisler

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$100.0	Non-Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 374 would appropriate \$100,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health (DOH) during FY09 to fund an educational film about nursing home care for free distribution to families to help families make informed decisions regarding nursing home services. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes that project envisioned by SB 374 is not part of the Governor's executive budget request. Most likely the department would need to establish a Request for Proposals (RFP) process, in order to contract for the film.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ALTSD notes that citizens of New Mexico would benefit from a film to help families in making nursing home care decisions. At times, care decisions must be made with little or no warning. An educational film with helpful hints would be of great value. ALTSD notes that their Long-Term

Services Department's Long-Term Care Ombudsman Pro-gram is the most appropriate program to lead this effort. This program is the primary advocate for nursing home resident rights.

**AMENDMENT**

ALTSD notes that they and DOH have come to a verbal agreement that this effort would be better led by ALTSD staff with advisory input from DOH staff. As such, it is jointly recommended by both DOH and ALTSD that this legislation be amended on line 17 so that the appropriation be made to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department rather than the Department of Health.

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