

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current FIRs (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) are available on the NM Legislative Website (legis.state.nm.us). Adobe PDF versions include all attachments, whereas HTML versions may not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/20/09
 SPONSOR Martinez, K LAST UPDATED 1/21/09 HB 1/aHAFC
 SHORT TITLE Feed Bill SB _____
 ANALYST Fernandez

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
\$8,326.7		Recurring	General Fund
\$600.0	\$500.0	Nonrecurring	Cash Balance
	\$16,097.6	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the 2009 General Appropriation Act which funds Legislative Building Services and other branches of state government.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendment

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee Amendment inserts language to clarify that the Legislature shall reduce 2 percent of the FY10 recurring general fund appropriations in Sections 3 through 9 of this bill. The total amount of the reduction is \$328.5 and is reflected in the general fund impact indicated on the table above.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 1 appropriates \$25,852.8 from the general fund and cash balances to various legislative agencies for the purpose of funding operations of the 2009 legislative session and funding for interim activities, including fiscal year 2010 operating budgets of the Legislative Council Service, Legislative Finance Committee, Legislative Education Study Committee, and the House and Senate chief clerk offices. Other appropriations include legislative interim expenses, session preparation, statewide legislative internship program, expenses of the Senate Rules Committee and legislative information system.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$8,326.7 contained in this bill for the legislative session is a recurring expense to the general fund. A total of \$1.1 million is appropriated from legislative cash balances for the following: \$500.0 to complete the second phase of the 2010 census redistricting block boundary data program and for other functions to prepare for redistricting in 2011; \$400.0 for the extensible markup language database \$200.0 for expenses to prepare for the annual meetings hosted by the New Mexico Legislature.

The appropriations totaling \$16,426.1 contained in this bill for legislative offices and other interim expenses are a recurring expense to the general fund. With the exception of the Legislative Education Study Committee and the Legislative Information System, all other appropriations are flat compared to FY09.

GENERAL FUND RECURRING					
FISCAL YEAR 2010					2%
Agency	FY09 OPBUD	FY10 HB1	\$change	% change	Reduction
Legislative Council Service	6,044.2	6,044.2	-	0.0%	(120.9)
Interim Expenses	1,036.0	1,036.0	-	0.0%	(20.7)
Pre-session Expenses	552.3	552.3	-	0.0%	(11.0)
Statewide Legislative Internship Program	45.0	45.0	-	0.0%	(0.9)
Legislative Finance Committee	4,429.7	4,429.7	-	0.0%	(88.6)
Legislative Education Study Committee	1,287.0	1,331.0	44.0	3.4%	(26.6)
Senate Rules Committee	21.6	21.6	-	0.0%	(0.4)
Legislative Information System	678.3	574.5	(103.8)	-15.3%	(11.5)
House Chief Clerk	1,168.4	1,168.4	-	0.0%	(23.4)
Senate Chief Clerk	1,223.4	1,223.4	-	0.0%	(24.5)
TOTAL	\$ 16,485.9	\$ 16,426.1	\$ (59.8)	-0.4%	\$ (328.5)

Fiscal Year 2009/2010	Recurring GF	Nonrecurring Cash
Legislature - Session Expenses	8,326.7	
Extensible Markup Language Database		400.0
National Conferences Host Committees		200.0
Total	8,326.7	600.0
Fiscal Year 2010/2011		
Census Redistricting Data - 2nd Phase		500.0
Total	-	500.0

This bill carries an emergency clause.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Section 14 of the bill authorizes Legislative Council to reduce any general fund appropriations in the act by 2 percent provided that the amount of the reductions shall not exceed 2 percent of the total general fund appropriations in Sections 3 through 9. The items subject to the 2 percent reduction are highlighted in tan as well as the corresponding dollar amounts. It is important to note that the bill does not mandate the 2 percent reduction, thus the appropriations are scored without the reductions.

House Bill 1 – Page 3

Section 15 provides category transfer authority for legislative agencies.

ALTERNATIVES

Change page 10, line 5, replace “not exceed” with “equal”. This effectively mandates a 2 percent reduction.

CTF/mt