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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/2020

SPONSOR Armstrong, G. LAST UPDATED _____ HB 143

SHORT TITLE County and Tribal Health Council SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Indian Affairs Department (IAD)

No Response Received

Association of Counties

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 143 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to the Department of Health (DOH) to fund community health plans and other functions performed by county and tribal health councils.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2021 shall revert to the general fund.

In FY20, county and tribal health councils received a total of \$178 thousand, the General Appropriation Act of 2020 currently includes an additional \$184 thousand increase for a total of \$362 thousand in FY21.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH reported the 2020-2022 New Mexico State Health Improvement Plan (SHIP) indicators identified are 1. Substance Use and Mental Health; 2. Access to Primary Care; and 3. Obesity and Diabetes. According to this report “New Mexico’s county and tribal health councils continually monitor the implementation of the SHIP and revise it as necessary to fit the needs of their respective communities. The councils meet monthly and as needed to discuss current and emerging health priorities and the initiatives underway to address them.”

DOH also noted the agency could not identify other states, which have similar legislation already implemented due to the centralized structure within the State of New Mexico and the unique role county, and tribal health councils serve within the public health system.

The NM Alliance of Health Councils created a system task force to analyze the work of county and tribal health councils established through SM44 in 2018. The taskforce recommended \$2.8 million for county and tribal health councils. In FY20, county and tribal health councils received \$178 thousand, House Bill 2 currently includes an additional \$184 thousand increase for a total of \$362 thousand in FY21.

According to the New Mexico Alliance of Health Councils, there are over 30 active councils. The health councils are responsible for identifying local health needs; planning and coordinating solutions to address health care; and conduct and publish assessments of local health needs, data, and resources. Since 2007, Tribes, Nations, and Pueblos have been incorporated in the health councils. Currently, DOH reports that there are six (6) Tribal health councils, which include Pueblo of Acoma, Pueblo de Cochiti, Pueblo of San Ildefonso, Pueblo of Santa Clara, and Navajo Nation-Tohajiilee.

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