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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

Original Amendment
Correction Substitute

Date 1/18/2024

Bill No: SB57

Sponsor: Joy Garratt and Peter Wirth **Agency Name and Code Number:** 63100 - NMDWS
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	\$500	Nonrecurring	32900

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		
	\$500		Nonrecurring	32900

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$500		\$500	Nonrecurring	32900

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

Senate Bill 57 (SB57) makes an appropriation from the general fund in the amount of five-hundred thousand dollars (\$500,000) to the workforce solutions department for expenditure in fiscal year 2024 for a local news fellowship program. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2025 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Workforce Solutions Department has budget and accounting processes in place to ensure disbursement of funds are used for a local news fellowship program. This is a one-time, nonrecurring appropriation. No additional FTE required.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES - N/A

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS –

DWS received a similar appropriation of \$125,000. The department entered into an intergovernmental agreement with the University of New Mexico, through its college of communications and journalism, to administer the funds. To date 6 fellows have completed the program and additional fellows are in the program currently. The department has expended \$81,000 (65%) of the funds. The department anticipates expending the funds entirely prior to the reversion date. Based on our understanding of the program, there is adequate demand for this program to enable the department to expend the additional amount proposed in this bill.

This program is part of the Department’s larger efforts to improve and support strategic, integrated and comprehensive approaches that will improve opportunities for job seekers to achieve economic success. The program also emphasizes rural employment opportunities, which are another priority for the Department.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS – N/A

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP - N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES - N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB57 is not passed, an appropriation of \$500,000 will not be available to implement a local news fellowship program.

AMENDMENTS