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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Payne DATE TYPED: 03/14/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: New Bernalillo County Metro Court Facility SB 542/aHAFC
 ANALYST: Carrillo

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
		NFI			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act _____

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

General Services Department
 Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HAFC Amendment

The House Appropriations and Finance Committee amendment to Senate Bill 542 does the following:

- Strikes the \$7.4 million non-recurring General Fund appropriation.
- Changes the leasing the facility provision to housing.
- Clarifies the usage of the bond proceeds regarding early redemption, defeasance or retirement.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 542 appropriates \$7.4 million from the General Fund to the Bernalillo Metropolitan Court for expenditure in FY01 through FY04 for the acquisition or real property to design, construct, furnish, or equip, a new court building. The appropriation may be used to repay a loan from the New Mexico Finance Authority for any of the referenced purposes. The bill includes a reversion clause.

SB542 proposes to transfer title of the current Bernalillo County Metropolitan Court Building (in Albuquerque) to the Property Control Division (General Services Department) when the new Metro Court facility is complete. It transfers property management responsibilities from the Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC).

Significant Issues

According to GSD staff, transferring ownership of the property to the Property Control Division (PCD) would allow PCD to move state agencies from leased space in Albuquerque into this facility, with potentially significant saving. Property management is not part of the AOC's primary mission.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$7.4 million contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY04 shall revert to the General Fund.

GSD staff comments, the cost of paying utilities, janitorial and maintenance services in state-owned space is significantly less than leasing from private owners. Other repair or renovation costs would be included in PCD's annual capital repairs request. There are agencies, that need to be in Albuquerque's downtown area, in expensive leased space. This could save the state lease payments.

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