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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Rodella DATE TYPED: 02/18/03 HB 541

SHORT TITLE: Taos & Rio Arriba Senior Citizen Programs SB _____

ANALYST: Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$200.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Human Services Department

No Response From
Agency on Aging

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 541 appropriates \$200,000 from the General Fund to the Human Services Department to establish a senior citizens social work program in Rio Arriba and Taos counties.

Significant Issues

Programs serving seniors typically would be administered by the Agency on Aging. HSD would likely enter into an agreement with that Agency in order to carry out the purposes of this bill.

Human Services states it is unclear to the department what the intended purpose or expectation is of this appropriation. It is not clear if HB541 is requesting social workers or case-workers to serve seniors or if this is an educational grant for social workers who are seniors to conduct social workers activities in Rio Arriba and Taos counties, or if it is intended to expand the Gold Mentor program to those counties.

Through the Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) program, HSD has given money to the Agency on Aging for their GOLD Mentor program. GOLD Mentors are seniors who provide mentoring to TANF clients. HSD's FY04 request includes \$1 million for this program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2004 shall revert to the General Fund.

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