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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vigil DATE TYPED 02/24/05 HB 754

SHORT TITLE Northern NM Community Center Staff & Expenses SB _____

ANALYST Ford

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$138.4			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 754 appropriates \$138.4 thousand from the general fund to the Economic Development Department (EDD) for staff and operating expenses of a community center in northern New Mexico.

Significant Issues

The intent of this legislation is unclear. Is the appropriation to support an existing community center? If so, which community center? What kind of oversight will EDD have over the community center's activities?

Or is the bill directing the EDD to establish a community center somewhere in northern New Mexico? If this is the case, EDD will incur significant costs to establish a center. The appropriation provides for staff and operating expenses but not for facilities. As DFA notes, EDD does not operate any community centers and would face a steep learning curve if asked to establish a center.

This appropriation is not part of the executive budget recommendation and was not requested by EDD.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$138.4 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 06 shall revert to the general fund.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

As mentioned above, the bill lacks necessary specificity as to its purpose and directive.

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