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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1-28-06

SPONSOR Cordova LAST UPDATED _____ HB 267

SHORT TITLE Create Compulsive Gambling Council SB _____

ANALYST Collard

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

New Mexico Gaming Control Board (NMGCB)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 267 proposes to create the New Mexico Compulsive Gambling Council. The bill names 15 members to the council, including governor's staff, Gaming Control Board, New Mexico Lottery, a fraternal organization that sponsors gambling, experts in the field of compulsive gambling, Native American casinos, behavioral health professionals and members of the general public. Council members will serve without per diem or mileage.

The council will develop and implement a New Mexico Compulsive Gambling Strategic plan, recommend compulsive gambling prevention and treatment program standards; collaborate to link compulsive gambling data collection and referral information, collaborate to improve data collection; work with the Aging and Long-Term Services Department to educate seniors on compulsive gambling prevention and treatment, develop and recommend a voluntary self-exclusion program. The council will develop and submit an annual report to the governor and appropriate interim legislative committees describing key findings and progress on implementation of the New Mexico Strategic Prevention and Treatment of Compulsive Gambling Plan.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH indicates this bill does not have any fiscal implications at this time. Implementing recommendations of the council may have fiscal implications but additional funds for compulsive gambling treatment are included in the executive budget.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill is supported by DOH. This bill would continue the work of the New Mexico Compulsive Gaming Task Force that was created by Governor Richardson in March 2005. One of the key recommendations of this task force was the creation of a New Mexico Compulsive Gambling Council.

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