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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Varela ORIGINAL DATE 1-30-06  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 329  
SHORT TITLE AGING DEPT. GOLD MENTOR PROGRAM SB \_\_\_\_\_  
ANALYST Lucero

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB53 appropriating \$350.0 to CYFD for mentoring 18 to 21 year-old foster children.

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act, executive recommended a \$300.0 new initiative for mentoring middle schoolers. HAFC adopted the LFC recommendation; therefore, the new initiative is not in the HAFC substitute bill.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Office of Workforce Training and Development (OWTD)  
Aging and Long Term Service Department (ALTSD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

This bill seeks appropriation for the Office of Workforce Training & Development (OWTD) to fund a gold mentor program at the Aging and Long-Term Care Department (ALTCD).

House Bill 329 appropriates \$300.0 from the general fund to Office of Workforce Training and Development for expenditure in 2007 for the purpose of funding the Gold Mentor Program in the Aging and Long Term Services Department.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2007 shall revert to the general

fund.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The ALTSD's Gold Mentor Program is a participating partner in the Eastern New Mexico Board's One Stop Center. The Gold Mentor Program brings together a retiree and a person (typically younger) in need. Since the inception of the Gold Mentor Program in 2000 until February of 2005, it has helped nearly 3,700 people get back on track with the help of 50 mentors who work in 13 communities throughout the state. Mentors share life skills and experience with people in need.

Appropriating the money to OWTD for the Gold Mentor program ensures the connection of mentors to workforce issues. ALTSD is supportive of this relationship.

This general fund appropriation may be counted as TANF maintenance of effort (MOE). **This type of programming may also help the Human Services Department achieve the new higher federal participation requirements.**

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

Performance requirements for OWTD or ALTCD are not identified, but OWTD will work with ALTCD to create performance requirements and standards that are in line with workforce training criteria.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Bill contains no administrative requirements for either the Office of Workforce Training & Development or the Aging and Long-Term Care Department.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

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The executive recommended a \$300.0 new initiative for mentoring middle schoolers. HAFC adopted the LFC recommendation; therefore, the new initiative is not in the HAFC substitute bill.

HAFC HB2 substitute recommends \$500.0 TANF funds to the Human Services Department for the Gold Mentor Program.

## **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The executive recommendation for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) combined all TANF workforce appropriations (including Gold Mentor and Commission on the Status of Women) in the OWTD budget. HAFC adopted the LFC recommendation which did not combine the TANF workforce appropriations.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

ALTSD provided the following statement:

The GOLD Mentor Program will be more limited and serve less geographical locations and fewer clients.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

In order to keep the Gold Mentor budget in one place, the general fund appropriation can be made to ALTSD with language specifying the appropriation is for the Gold Mentor Program to partner with OWTD to provide workforce training programming.

## **WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

Currently there is a greater need for these services than funding can provide. IF this Bill is not passed, residents in need of services available through the gold mentoring program will be subject to long waiting lists and funding availability.

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