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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/8/06

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED _____ HB 700

SHORT TITLE Taos-Area Senior Citizens Issues SB _____

ANALYST Lewis

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	7.8	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD)
Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 700 appropriates \$7,800 from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration for the town of Taos and its Phil Lovato Senior Citizen Center to support educational programs on the issues and needs of the senior citizens of Taos.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$7,800 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), this funding would allow a community based organization in collaboration with UNM-Taos to provide a series of four two-hour public education workshops on the issues and needs of the community's older population. The workshop topics will be determined by a needs assessment survey of Taos county seniors.

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The intent is to educate seniors and the various agencies in the community about the services that are available for seniors. The estimated attendance of each workshop is 100 seniors.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Local Government Division of DFA will execute a joint powers agreement or a memorandum of understanding with the town of Taos.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

According to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD), the Anciano's senior program receives limited funding to provide health education and other recreation to seniors. HB 700 is not included in the Aging Network Legislation (HB 129), and is requested outside of that process.

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