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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	<b>ORIGINAL DATE</b>	1-24-06	
<b>SPONSOR</b>	<b>LAST UPDATED</b>	1-24-06	<b>HB</b>
Papen	DONA ANA DETENTION CENTER		
<b>SHORT TITLE</b>	PSYCHIATRIC UNIT	<b>SB</b>	179
			<b>ANALYST</b> Hadwiger

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$517.2	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (DDPC)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 179 appropriates \$517,200 from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration in FY07 to establish and operate a psychiatric unit at the Dona Ana County Detention Center.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$517,200 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DDPC indicated that individuals with developmental disabilities, especially mental retardation, who also have dual diagnosis often, end up in correctional systems instead of treatment facilities. This psychiatric unit could help identify this group and divert them to a more appropriate place instead of jail.

Additionally, DFA noted that the psychiatric unit could offer more appropriate care for mentally ill inmates and could, as a result, help insulate the county from lawsuits.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

DFA noted that SB179 appropriates funding for FY07, and indicated concern that, without continued operating costs, the unit would not be effective beyond FY07.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

DFA indicated that the agency will execute a joint powers agreement or a memorandum of understanding with the Dona Ana county detention center to operate the unit.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

DFA indicated the appropriation in this bill is not a Local Government Division function. Historically, the Department of Health is the lead agency on treatment issues in the state.

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