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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-6-06

SPONSOR Robinson LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Community-Based Cancer Patient Support SB 423

ANALYST Collard

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Health Policy Commission (HPC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 423 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of providing comprehensive community-based cancer patient support services, including education, patient library services, one-to-one matching with cancer veterans, survivorship support groups and an annual statewide survivorship conference.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH notes, according to the New Mexico Tumor Registry, each year an average of 6,553 new cases of cancer are diagnosed in New Mexico (NM Tumor Registry, Annual Report 2002). Approximately 54,000 people in the state are currently living with a diagnosis of cancer. For every

person living through cancer, an average of three other people, spouses, family members, caregivers, or significant others of the patient, are also affected by the diagnosis. Therefore as many as 216,000 persons in New Mexico may need cancer support services. (Personal communication with Dr. Chuck Wiggins, Director, NM Tumor Registry, Jan. 25, 2006).

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DOH indicates existing staff and resources of the DOH Comprehensive Cancer Program could absorb costs associated with implementing the activities in this bill.

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