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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-6-06

SPONSOR Sharer LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE San Juan County Substance Abuse Treatment SB 718

ANALYST Collard

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$2,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 718 appropriates \$2 million from the general fund to DOH for the purpose of providing a substance abuse treatment program in San Juan County that provides detoxification and drug and alcohol services to adults. The program should also serve adults ordered to receive substance abuse treatment by a court.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$2 million 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 quotes the following statistics for San Juan County:

- Ranked 8th for alcohol- and/or drug-related hospitalizations (855 hospitalizations per 100,000) from 2000-2002;
- Ranked 4th for state-funded adult alcohol and/or drug treatment admissions (81 per 100,000) from 2001-2003;

- Ranked 2nd for rates of DWI arrest (281 per 100,000) from 2000-2002;
- Ranked 4th in the state for alcohol-related motor vehicle crash death (14 per 100,000);
- Ranked 9th for alcohol-related chronic disease death (34 per 100,000); and
- Ranked 10th for alcohol-related injury death (27 per 100,000).

DOH further notes a comprehensive analysis identifying an actual need for this program has not been undertaken yet by the local collaborative in this area. This analysis and subsequent recommendation should be conducted and forwarded to the Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative to assure optimum treatment for substance abuse-related disorders. If passed, this appropriation will go through the Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative to ValueOptions New Mexico.

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