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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/22/07

SPONSOR Salazar LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1175

SHORT TITLE Penasco Mental Health Services SB _____

ANALYST Geisler

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB 668, 672, SB 768

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

Human Services Department (HSD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1175 would appropriate \$50,000 to the Department of Health (DOH) for expenditure in fiscal year 2008 to enhance the provision of mental health and substance abuse services in Peñasco in Taos County. Any unexpended balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DOH notes that HB 1175 not part of the DOH executive budget request. The appropriation in HB 1175 is not part of the Governor's FY 08 Budget Proposal and is not listed as a priority for the NM Behavioral Health Collaborative. It is possible that some of the individuals receiving mental health treatment services through the appropriation in HB 1175 may be Medicaid recipients. If this is the case, those monies would be eligible for a federal match. If in the future adult substance abuse services are offered in the Medicaid benefit package, then an opportunity would exist for a federal match of treatment dollars for Medicaid-eligible recipients.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Both DOH and HSD note that the bill lacks specifics on how the funds will be used.

ADMINISTRATIVE ISSUES

The majority of behavioral health funding is overseen by the Interagency Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative and administered by ValueOptions New Mexico.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB 668, which appropriates \$50 thousand for long-term drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation in Taos County. Relates to HB 672, which would appropriate \$84,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health for expenditure in FY08 to contract for alcohol and substance abuse treatment services in Talpa, located in Taos County. Relates to SB 768, which would appropriate \$82,000 to the local government division of the department of finance and administration for drug and alcohol abuse treatment programs in Taos County.

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