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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

	ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/08		
SPONSOR	Sandoval	LAST UPDATED	1/30/08
	Employment Opportunities for Persons with	HB	449a/HLC
SHORT TITLE	Disabilities	SB	
		ANALYST	Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$60.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

General Services Department (GSD)
 Department of Health (DOH)
 Public Education Department (PED)
 Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Amendment

On page 1, line 16, after “to” insert “the purchasing division of”.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 449, Making an Appropriation to Expand Employment Opportunities for Persons with Disabilities, appropriates \$60.0 thousand from the general fund to DFA for the purpose of a full-time employee to implement the State Use Act program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$60.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall not revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

GSD notes that

- The bill does not appropriate the funding to a specific division within the general services department, but is consistent with the statutory authority of the Purchasing Division.
- The position is designed to promote the State Use Act with state agencies and local public bodies and to monitor contracts issued by state agencies for services to ensure compliance with the Act.
- This bill is supported by the Association of Developmental Disability Community Providers.

DOH notes that the State Use Act was passed by the Legislature and approved by the Governor as a result of the 2005 Legislative Session. The State Use Act created a New Mexico Council that has the authority to establish “fair market” prices for goods and services provided by non-profit Community Rehabilitation Programs serving people with disabilities. The Council was charged with establishing a procedure for the approval and monitoring contracts with non-profit agencies.

As the State Use Act relates to individuals with developmental disabilities, currently, Department of Health (DOH) initiatives promote individual business ownership as well as inclusive community employment at competitive wages.

AMENDMENTS

GSD suggests that to clarify which organization unit in GSD is responsible for implementing the State Use Act, the following amendment could be offered:

- On page 1, line 16, after “to” insert “the purchasing division of”

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