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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/25/08
 SPONSOR Taylor LAST UPDATED 1/29/08 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE Employment for Persons with Disabilities SB 300/aSPAC
 ANALYST Weber

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

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Public Affairs Committee Amendment

1. The appropriation is directed to the General Services Department rather than the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation
2. The program is limited to full time employees

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 300 appropriates \$60 thousand from the general fund to the Vocational Rehabilitation Division of the Public Education Department to implement the State Use Act to expand employment opportunities for persons with disabilities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$60 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 revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Analysis from the agencies suggests that the wording “Division of Vocational Rehabilitation of the Public Education Department” is a drafting error. It is the intent of the Development Disability Community Providers that these funds be allocated to the State Purchasing Office of

the General Services Department. This is consistent with the language in the State Use Act and would be a more appropriate governmental function for GSD as it relates to the statewide procurement of services from persons with disabilities by governmental entities.

The State Use Act (NMSA 13-1C) was established by New Mexico Legislation in 2005. The Act relating to persons with disabilities provided a rulemaking process through the New Mexico State Council for Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities, to identify services to be purchased from community rehabilitation programs or qualifying individuals with disabilities.

The New Mexico Council for Purchasing from Persons with Disabilities established through the State Use Act oversees the rule making process published in the New Mexico Register (Title 2, Chapter 40, Part 5, 2.40.5.1) March 30, 2007.

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