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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/27/10

SPONSOR Gonzales LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 148

SHORT TITLE Talpa Alcohol and Substance Abuse Treatment SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Public Defender Department (PDD)  
Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 148 appropriates \$100 thousand from the General Fund to DOH to contract for alcohol and substance abuse treatment programs in Talpa, New Mexico.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY11 shall revert to the General Fund.

This appropriation is not included in the LFC recommendation for the Department in 2011.

The Behavioral Health Services Division (BHSD) of the Human Services Department (HSD) is the single state substance abuse authority in New Mexico. HSD, working with the State Behavioral Health Collaborative, manages both the General Fund and federal substance abuse prevention and treatment block grant funds.

The sole service provider for Talpa, "In God We Trust", has been funded by BHSD/HSD in the past to provide alcohol and substance abuse treatment services.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

DOH reports that more people in Taos county per capita experienced deaths attributed to alcohol than anywhere else in New Mexico. The alcohol-related death rate from 2004-2008 was 55.5 per 100,000 population, higher than the NM rate of 48.3 per 100,000, The drug-induced death rate for 2004-2008 was 22.0 per 100,000 population, higher than the NM rate of 21.2 per 100,000 and the US rate of 12.7 per 100,000. Taos youth in grades 9-12 used illicit drugs in the past 30 days at a higher rate (30 percent) than in NM (25.5 percent).

Talpa, New Mexico, is a small geographic area outside of Taos, New Mexico. “In God We Trust” provides individual substance abuse treatment counseling for court-referred adults, individual and group alcohol and substance abuse treatment counseling to 30-40 recurring clients each month.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

DOH would be requested to manage any contracts for alcohol and substance abuses in Talpa, NM.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

PDD reports it supports any legislation that decreases recidivism.

**ALTERNATIVES**

DOH recommends redirecting the funding in the bill to HSD/BHSD.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

\$100 thousand would not be appropriated to DOH to contract for alcohol and substance abuse treatment services in Talpa, NM.

**AMENDMENTS**

On page one, line 17, delete the words “Department of Health” and replace with the words “Human Services Department”.

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