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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/25/10

SPONSOR O'Neill LAST UPDATED _____ HM 7

SHORT TITLE Study Child Homelessness SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	NFI	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Children, Youth, and Families Department (CYFD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This memorial requests CYFD to assist the New Mexico Coalition to End Homelessness and members of a New Mexico campaign to end homelessness to study the issue of child homelessness in New Mexico, and present legislative recommendations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation included in this memorial.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Child homelessness is a serious problem in our state, and the present economic downturn has exacerbated the situation, as measured by an increase in the number of children served by Title 1 programs during the 2006-07 academic year; by an increase in the prevalence of developmental disability and physical health issues in homeless children compared to the general population; and homelessness as a contributing factor of a child's entry into foster care in 23.9% of substantiated cases in FY09.

CYFD currently provides some funding to the two homeless childcare programs in New Mexico. These programs only part of a few in the nation exclusively providing childcare services for children and parents experiencing homelessness.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CYFD representation on this memorial would have to be absorbed by existing, limited resources. However, CYFD staff is currently involved with and participates on existing workgroups dealing with this issue.

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