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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/24/12

SPONSOR Lopez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Aging & Long-Term Services Programs SB 34

ANALYST Esquibel

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$2,300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 34 appropriates \$2.3 million from the general fund to the Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) to fund programs in the Consumer and Elder Rights Division and services provided through the Aging Network Services Division of the department.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$2.3 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY13 shall revert to the general fund.

The \$2.3 million appropriation in the bill matches the amount of increased funding the ALTSD requested as part of its FY13 funding request submitted to the Executive and the Legislative Finance Committee and is nearly the exact amount the Governor recommended as a FY13 funding increase for the ALTSD. The LFC recommendation provides an increase of approximately \$1.8 million. The House Appropriations and Finance Committee is currently deliberating on which funding level to adopt for the ALTSD budget for FY13 including funding for the increases delineated in Senate Bill 34.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) indicates SB 34 may conflict with the LFC recommendation and subsequently the General Appropriation Act/HB2 as it is unclear if the funding in the bill is intended to be an increase above the amounts identified by the LFC and the Executive.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Aging and Long-Term Services Department (ALTSD) indicates the \$2.3 million increase is for the Aging Network Division (AND) and the Consumer and Elder Rights Division (CERD). The additional \$1,780.6 for the AND would allow the department to take steps toward maintaining previous levels of service as the populations served are increasing and assists the department return to FY09 funding and service levels. The additional \$544.4 for the CERD would allow the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) to maintain the existing service level given the loss of federal ADRC grant funding and Medicaid dollars. Federal grants represent 40 percent of resource options funding for telephonic “person centered long-term planning.”

The U.S. Census from 2000 to 2010 indicates that New Mexico's population of adults age 60 or older grew 38 percent from 283,837 to 392,392. Since another 283,969 New Mexicans are age 50 to 59, there is a total of 676,361 New Mexicans age 50 and older.

The ALTSD indicates the ADRC is New Mexico's single point of access for elders and adults with disabilities to the state's long-term care system and other services available to seniors. During FY11, the ADRC's resource options program had a 24 percent increase in calls and one-on-one counseling. Since 2008, the number of clients served in the ADRC has increased 45.4 percent with an average annual increase of 9 percent.

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