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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia, MP **ORIGINAL DATE** 01/22/14
LAST UPDATED 01/29/14 **HB** 106

SHORT TITLE Albuquerque Probation and Parole Reentry Program **SB** _____

ANALYST Chenier

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 106 appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), Local Governments Division to allow the City of Albuquerque to contract with a community organization for a community reentry program to provide job skills and job placement services to those who have completed their probation or parole sentences and who reside in the neighborhoods of John Marshall, south Broadway, east San Jose and Kirtland addition in Albuquerque. Any unused funds remaining at the end of FY15 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

This bill appropriates \$50 thousand from the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Administrative Office of the Courts provided the following:

The Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) published a report in July 2013 which reviews evidence-based programs to reduce recidivism and improve public safety. The report

indicates that 95 percent of incarcerated offenders will be released back into the community, and about 50 percent of offenders will return to prison within five years, at significant cost to the New Mexican taxpayer. The report states that reducing recidivism can save the state millions of dollars. The study also found that offering private sector experience, fair wages, and vocational training could provide cost benefit of \$4 to taxpayers and society for every \$1 invested. Based on the Results First report, the bill's appropriation of \$50 thousand for job skills training and job placement services could help reduce the recidivism of probationers and parolees returning to the targeted communities.

NMCD provided the following:

This bill would help the city of Albuquerque become involved in assisting probationers, parolees, and discharged inmates find jobs and become law abiding citizens. The bill could also help lower recidivism rates for offenders in the designated communities. Based on local constituent perceptions, frequently municipalities can be resistant to NMCD's efforts to provide meaningful employment and suitable residences for its former inmates and current probationers and parolees residing in those municipalities.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA provided the following:

DFA does not have the capacity or expertise and would have to hire and/or train staff in counseling and rehabilitation requirements of paroles in job skill and job placement. DFA would also have to create regulations for oversight responsibilities; produce updates and report to other regulatory agencies on job placements. DFA staff would also need to be out of the office on a regular basis to conduct technical assistance and to assist in implementation of a parole intake system. HB 106 would need further clarification on how the City of Albuquerque will meet measures related to ensuring that counseling and rehabilitation of paroles in job skill and placement are met.

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