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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Sanchez ORIGINAL DATE 2/20/19
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 514

SHORT TITLE Colfax Hospital District Infrastructure SB _____

ANALYST Armstrong

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$1,500.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB599

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 514 appropriates \$1.5 million from the general fund to DFA for infrastructure improvements in the South Central Colfax County Special Hospital District (SCCCSHD).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.5 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA provided the following analysis:

Given the size of the appropriation and its undefined nature, being able to organize the effort to expend or encumber that amount may be a concern unless a plan for this appropriation is already in place. Typically, infrastructure improvement projects of this size have a multi-year timeline.

In FY18 this special hospital district received a \$35 thousand capital outlay appropriation to plan, design, construct, equip and furnish a health care clinic for the south central Colfax county special hospital district in Cimarron in Colfax county. DFA notes this FY18 appropriation may have laid the groundwork for this proposed appropriation which could lessen the risk of all the funds not being expended or encumbered in FY20.

The SCCCSHD was formed to bring health care providers and health care services to rural communities of Colfax County. Originally there was a small general hospital in Springer and no medical providers in either Cimarron or Angel Fire. Over the years, SCCCSHD has converted the hospital to a 33 bed nursing facility, opened the Cimarron Healthcare Clinic with one physician and one physician assistant, and opened the Moreno Valley Healthcare Clinic with one family physician and two family nurse practitioners. SCCCSHD also operates a full service laboratory that covers the entire county. The hospital district area of operations is based upon the school district boundaries for Maxwell, Springer, and Cimarron School Districts. SCCCSHD covers almost 3,100 square miles with a service population of 6,000. According to DFA, the nearest general acute hospital is in Raton; Miner's Colfax Medical Center which is 35 miles from Springer and 60 miles from Cimarron. Holy Cross Hospital in Taos is the closest hospital for the Moreno Valley and it is over 30 miles away through mountain canyons.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 599 appropriates \$2 million for the same purpose, infrastructure improvements in the SCCCSHD, as HB514.

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