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2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION
AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS

Section I: General

Chamber: House

Category: Bill

Number: 67

Type: Introduced

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Short Title: MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH FOR COUNTY AND TRIBAL HEALTH COUNCILS STATEWIDE.

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Section II: Fiscal Impact

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation Contained		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 24	FY 25		
\$0	\$6,600	Nonrecurring	General

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY 24	FY 25	FY 26		
\$0	\$0	\$0		

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY 24	FY 25	FY 26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-recurring	Fund Affected
Total	\$	\$	\$	\$		

Section III: Relationship to other legislation

Duplicates: None

Conflicts with: None

Companion to: None

Relates to: None

Duplicates/Relates to an Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: None

Section IV: Narrative

1. BILL SUMMARY

a) Synopsis

HB67 proposes to appropriate six million six hundred thousand dollars from the general fund to:

1) fund and support county and tribal health councils statewide to carry out the functions as stated in the County and Tribal Health Councils Act.

Funding may be used to: (a) provide salaries and benefits for staff positions; (b) cover travel, supplies and other program-related expenses; (c) provide community education and communications; and (d) cover other indirect expenses a county or tribal health council may experience; and

2) six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000) for the department to contract with a nonprofit organization to: (a) provide training, technical assistance and other supports to county and tribal health councils; (b) assist in the development of a system to evaluate the effectiveness and impact of health councils and to gather necessary evaluation data using success indicators and qualitative and quantitative measures; and (c) strengthen community-based health planning and self-determination by measuring the health councils' performance in capacity building and quality of community health plans.

This bill supports dramatically increasing funding to county and tribal health councils statewide to carry out the functions stated in the County and Tribal Health Councils Act.

Is this an amendment or substitution? Yes No

Is there an emergency clause? Yes No

b) Significant Issues

NMDOH's Health Promotion program, and the Community Health Needs Assessment program work collaboratively with Health Councils to produce health improvement plans. Currently, 19 Health Councils (nearly 50%) utilize DOH general funds exclusively (at \$15,333 for FY24, averaging \$1,200 per month, paid bi-annually) to fund their operations and activities, in addition to DOH-CDC/Kellogg grant funds (at \$50,000 for FY24, ending

5/30/24). 17 Health Councils have sought out additional funding sources, with one having secured one extra funding source and 2 having 3+ funding sources.

NMDOH allocated approximately \$6.5 million for health councils and health council support for FY22, FY23, and FY24 through CDC's OT21 Health Disparities federal grant. This funding allowed the NMDOH Public Health Division and its regional public health promotion teams to work more closely with County & Tribal Health Councils by increasing technical support and funding for health councils to better address community health priorities to perform their functions as outlined in the 2019 HB137 Health Council and Tribal Health Council Act. Please note, the CDC's OT21 Health Disparities federal grant ends May of 2024. House Bill 67 would provide increased general funds for Health Councils to implement community health improvement plans.

A similar bill (House bill 49) was introduced during the 2023 legislative session. The bill did not pass the floor.

2. PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

- Does this bill impact the current delivery of NMDOH services or operations?
 Yes No
- The NMDOH Health Promotion Program and the Community Health Needs Assessment Programs collaborate with Health Councils to conduct community health needs assessments (CHNA) and community health improvement plans (CHIPS).
- Is this proposal related to the NMDOH Strategic Plan? Yes No
 - Goal 1:** We expand equitable access to services for all New Mexicans
 - Goal 2:** We ensure safety in New Mexico healthcare environments
 - Goal 3:** We improve health status for all New Mexicans
 - Goal 4:** We support each other by promoting an environment of mutual respect, trust, open communication, and needed resources for staff to serve New Mexicans and to grow and reach their professional goals

3. FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the Executive Budget Request?
 Yes No N/A
- If there is an appropriation, is it included in the LFC Budget Request?
 Yes No N/A
- Does this bill have a fiscal impact on NMDOH? Yes No

4. ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Will this bill have an administrative impact on NMDOH? Yes No

5. DUPLICATION, CONFLICT, COMPANIONSHIP OR RELATIONSHIP

None

6. TECHNICAL ISSUES

Are there technical issues with the bill? Yes No

7. LEGAL/REGULATORY ISSUES (OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES)

- Will administrative rules need to be updated or new rules written? Yes No
- Have there been changes in federal/state/local laws and regulations that make this legislation necessary (or unnecessary)? Yes No
- Does this bill conflict with federal grant requirements or associated regulations?
 Yes No
- Are there any legal problems or conflicts with existing laws, regulations, policies, or programs? Yes No

No regulatory impact

8. DISPARITIES ISSUES

The State Health Assessment has already identified a series of health disparities across New Mexico.

9. HEALTH IMPACT(S)

10. ALTERNATIVES

None

11. WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

If House Bill 67 is not enacted, six million six hundred thousand dollars of additional general fund will not go to health councils for their operations and activities.

12. AMENDMENTS

None