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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date January 24, 2024
Bill No: HB210

Sponsor: Herrera, Dixon, Brown, Sariana, Ortez
Short Title: REGIONAL PLANNING DISTRICT FUNDS

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	\$2,800.00	Nonrecurring	General fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

House bill 210 (HB210) appropriates two million eight hundred thousand dollars, nonreverting, to the Department of Finance and Administration to assist regional planning districts one through seven with grant writing assistance and technical assistance, in the amount of four hundred thousand dollars per region.

This anticipated assistance by the bill would support regional planning districts across the state including councils of governments and economic development districts with the capacity and funding to apply more often, and more readily to federal funding opportunities, and state funding opportunities.

The New Mexico Regional Planning Districts/Councils of Governments do incredible work bringing together needed support and expertise for public infrastructure, economic development, and business and industry wellbeing in their areas. Funding to support grant writing and technical assistance is a very fitting instrument to support the expansion and retention of the work these groups already do across the state.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Very minimal administrative implications are raised by this bill, as seven agreements for the seven regions should be a familiar and straightforward state process that hopefully can be completed relatively quickly at the start of the stated 2025 fiscal year.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

Without providing funding assistance to the Regional Districts as proposed in this bill, there is a risk of high turnover and little to no impact made by the districts throughout these regions. With existing budgetary challenges, lack of funding, and staffing that is likely stretched for capacity, without added capacity to support grant writing and technical assistance, regional districts face the probability that state and federal funding opportunities will go unapplied for, and dollars will be left on the table.

Grant writing assistance and technical assistance for the regional districts is crucial to keep them competitively poised for opportunities to expand their work through federal and state awards.

AMENDMENTS