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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-25-09

SPONSOR Munoz LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Junior Rodeo Finals in New Mexico SB 562

ANALYST Lucero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$2,000.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 562 appropriates two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from the general fund to the Economic Development Department to fund an effort to encourage that the National Junior and High School Rodeo finals be held in New Mexico pursuant to a process in which the rodeo events are rotated to communities in New Mexico that have the appropriate facilities to host the events. The period of time to expend the appropriation is 2010 through 2020.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to the February 2009 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$575 million less than the FY09 appropriations before the 2009 solvency reductions. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

The appropriation of two million dollars (\$2,000,000) contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2020 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA) holds a finals rodeo every year, changing locations every two years, and awards championships in both girls and boys events.

In addition NHSRA partnered with Wrangler Western Wear to create the NHSFA Wrangler Division provides similar services for junior high school age students, but with some events unique to this division: boy's chute dogging, breakaway roping and goat tying. The Wrangler division showcases the only event which must have one girl and one boy: ribbon roping.

The National Junior High Finals Rodeo (JHFR) and the National High School Finals Rodeo (NHSFR) were held in Gallup and Farmington, respectively, in 2008 and are scheduled for the same in 2009. The 2009 JHFR is scheduled for June 28 – July 4 in Gallup. The 2009 NHSFR is scheduled for July 19 – 25 in Farmington.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

It is unclear how the appropriation contained in this bill would be utilized to “encourage” the NHSRA to hold the rodeo finals in New Mexico. Additionally, it is unclear if the goal of the appropriating to EDD is job creation or strictly flow through of funds to NHSRA.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The National High School Rodeo Association (NHSRA), based in Denver, Colorado, was incorporated in 1961 to promote interest in rodeo sports among high school students, to provide training, and to establish venues for their performances. The overall objective was to keep students from dropping out of school.

NHSRA began in 1947 as a single organization in Texas (National Championship High School Rodeo Association), and has grown to include local organizations in many states and in Canada and Australia. It has over 12,000 members and sanctions over 1,100 rodeos every year.

The NHSRA sanctions over 1,100 rodeos each year. The NHSRA is governed by a national board of directors, which consists of one member from each state or province. Staff at the national headquarters in Denver, Colorado, handles the day-to-day operations.

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