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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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 Romero/L. Trujillo/A. **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/01/19
SPONSOR Romero/C. Trujillo **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** 340
SHORT TITLE National History Day Program **SB** _____
ANALYST Martinez

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: HB340

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

HB 340 appropriates \$150 thousand to the Department of Cultural Affairs to sponsor National History Day.

New Mexico's National History Day is part of a nation-wide National History Day competition, similar to a national spelling bee, funded primarily by the National Endowment for the Humanities. History teachers of grades six through twelve can participate in New Mexico's National History Day Competition.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the General Fund.

The Cultural Affairs Department states that there will be minimal administrative overhead to

administer this appropriation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The following was submitted by the Cultural Affairs Department:

National History Day is a challenging way for students to study and learn about historical issues, ideas, people, and events. The year-long educational program fosters academic achievement and intellectual growth as students acquire historical knowledge and perspective while developing critical thinking and problem-solving skills that will help them manage and use information into the future.

The National History Day contest encourages more than half a million middle and high school students around the world to conduct original research on historical topics of interest. Students present projects at the local and affiliate levels. The top two projects from every category are invited to the National History Day Contest in Washington, DC.

New Mexico Regional History Day contests are held in late winter, in Farmington, Las Cruces and Albuquerque. Regional winners compete in the NM state finals in early spring, in Albuquerque. The top two finishers in each category at the state contest become eligible to advance to the National History Day competition held each June in Washington, DC.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The following was submitted by the Cultural Affairs Department:

There is minimal administrative overhead to administer this appropriation. DCA has administered the competition for many years.

RELATIONSHIP

This bill relates to SB 380, which appropriates \$100 thousand to the Department of Cultural Affairs to sponsor National History Day

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The following was submitted by the Cultural Affairs Department:

Participating students and teachers represent all 50 states. Without this funding, New Mexico could be the only state to not participate in this national competition.

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