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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Begaye	DATE TYPED:	02/12/00	HB	231
SHORT TITLE:	Develop Cultural Education Documentaries			SB	
				ANALYST:	Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 172.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 231 appropriates \$172.0 from the general fund to the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) to develop cultural comparison, awareness and understanding education documentaries and programs in northwestern New Mexico. To accomplish this goal, the bill requires the OCA to contract the funding, rather than use the funding internally. Because the bill contains an emergency clause, the one-time appropriation could be used for three years: FY00, FY01 and FY02. The bill contains a clause that would require the OCA to revert any unexpended balance to the general fund at the close of FY02.

Significant Issues

According to the OCA, the intent of the bill is to provide seed funding to raise additional non-governmental funding. Though the language is quite broad, the intent of the bill is for projects related to the cultural similarities between the Moroccan Berber and American Navajo people.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Aside from the appropriation made in the bill, House Bill 231 would not have a significant administrative or fiscal impact on the OCA. The agency administers numerous grant and contract programs similar to the one suggested in the bill.

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