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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Madalena DATE TYPED: 2/03/03 HB 59a/HGUAC

SHORT TITLE: Additional Jemez Monument Employees SB _____

ANALYST: Weber

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$46.6			Recurring	General Fund
	\$130.0			Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04			
	\$6.0		Recurring	OSF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Office of Cultural Affairs

No Response From

Office of Indian Affairs

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HGUAC Amendment

The House Government and Urban Affairs amendment to HB 59 directs the appropriation to the Office of Cultural Affairs rather than the Office of Indian Affairs.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 59 appropriates \$46,528.0 from the General Fund to the Office of Indian Affairs for the purpose of hiring two full time employees for the Jemez State Monument. In addition, \$130,000.0 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Office of Indian Affairs to complete stabilization of the San Jose de los Jemez mission church.

Significant Issues

The Office of Cultural Affairs reports the appropriation would allow for a return to a seven-day per week operation at Jemez State Monument from the current six-day per week operation, adding approximately 2,000 visitors to the Monument each year. Assuming these added visitors, entrance fees would increase \$6,000 annually. Returning to a seven-day operation would better serve the visiting public who now find the Monument closed on Tuesdays. The funding of a full-time Cashier would provide for the collection of entrance fees and relieve a Monument Ranger from the information desk. The Ranger would be available to perform higher level work in visitor services and monument preservation.

The appropriation to complete the stabilization of the mission church would prevent the continuing deterioration of the fragile structural remains of the stone church, allowing it to remain open to the public. The mission church of San Jose de los Jemez is the single largest structural remain of the pueblo ruins and a major visitor attraction.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$46,528.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. The \$130,000.0 appropriation contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

The bill appropriates the funding to the Office of Indian Affairs instead of the Office of Cultural Affairs that administers state monuments.

The OCA estimates a \$6.0 increase in entrance fees as a result of the additional day of operation.

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