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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Lujan, B. DATE TYPED: 02/08/03 HB 298

SHORT TITLE: Change Hispanic Culture Day SB _____

ANALYST: Gonzales

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
			Minimal		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Conflicts, in part, with SB203

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Office of Cultural Affairs, National Hispanic Cultural Center

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 298 proposes to change the observation and celebration “Hispanic Culture Day” from every year to each odd-numbered year on the second Tuesday of February.

Significant Issues

The day would be observed during the longer 60-day session of the New Mexico legislature. Currently, Hispanic Culture Day is celebrated on the second Tuesday of February each year.

The day is in recognition of the many contributions, sacrifices and accomplishments of Hispanic people from throughout the world that have built New Mexico into a beautiful and dynamic mosaic of cultural diversity. It is observed with celebrations that honor all past, present and future Hispanic citizens and leaders in ways that enhance relationships among all the people of New Mexico.

The Office of Cultural Affairs, National Hispanic Cultural Center has played a role in developing events, programs and materials for the Hispanic Culture Day observances.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Observing this day in Santa Fe during the high-profile Legislative Session enables the National Hispanic Cultural Center to enhance its outreach, marketing and branding efforts.

FISCAL and ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation contained in this bill. However, the National Hispanic Cultural Center experiences modest expenditures associated with the observance for the creation of exhibits, displays and printed material as well as procuring contracted services for performers, artists and presenters.

CONFLICT

This bill conflicts in part with Senate Bill 203, which proposes to observe the Hispanic Culture Day on the third Tuesday of February (conflict) on odd-numbered years (duplicate).

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