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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Romero DATE TYPED: 02/18/05 HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE: African American Affairs Office Conferences SB 580

ANALYST: Kehoe

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$75.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### REVENUE

Estimated Revenue		Subsequent Years Impact	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04			
	NFI			

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Legislative Finance Committee Files (LFC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 580 appropriates \$75,000 from the general fund to the Office of African American Affairs for the purpose of supporting conferences relating to domestic violence, diabetes and high blood pressure.

Significant Issues

Senate Bill 580 provides funding to the Office of African American Affairs to support the agency's effort and vision to provide universal access to the necessary and effective health care to all New Mexicans, with a primary focus on people of African descent in New Mexico.

Statewide conferences would provide a means for the Office of African American Affairs to disseminate information statewide about local and state resources available that are designed to assist citizens in addressing domestic violence, diabetes and high blood pressure. The information and method of outreach to citizens will empower citizens to participate in their health care decisions and planning.

According to statistics provided by the Office of African American Affairs, people of African descent experience disparate health status from other New Mexicans. Between 1997 and 1999, more deaths occurred among African Americans due to heart disease, cancer and strokes than any other race or ethnicity in New Mexico. The number of deaths due to diabetes among African Americans was second to deaths caused by diabetes among Native Americans.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$75,000 contained in this bill is a 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.

**RELATIONSHIP**

The General Appropriation Act currently under consideration by the Legislature contains a \$100,000 appropriation from the general fund recommended by both the Executive and Legislative Finance Committee for funding the operational expenses of the Office of African American Affairs.

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