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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos DATE TYPED 1/22/04 HB 29

SHORT TITLE Scenic Byways Program SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$1,000.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to appropriation in the General Appropriations Act for the Department of Transportation

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Transportation (NMDOT)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 29 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to the Department of Transportation for the purpose of increasing the budget for the Scenic Byways program.

Significant Issues

Organizationally, the Scenic Byways program is located within the Construction program of the department, specifically within the Planning Division - Regional/Metropolitan Planning Section. According to the department, the program is currently funded with 20 percent state road fund and 80 percent federal funds for a part-time position (0.7 FTE). Additionally, the department administers federal funds for statewide applicants, That are required to provide a 20 percent match to federal funds. For FY03, NMDOT received \$428,200 in federal funds.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,000.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

HB29 does not direct the department on use of the appropriation. Further clarification on the intent of the appropriation would provide guidance to the department as it proceeds with implementation.

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