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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Madalena DATE TYPED 1/31/04 HB 38/aHGUAC

SHORT TITLE Jemez Monument Full-Time Employees SB _____

ANALYST Dunbar

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$46.5			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
 Indian Affairs Department (IAD)
 Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HGUAC Amendment

The House Government and Urban Affairs Committee Amendment changes the appropriation from the NM Office of Indian Affairs to the Office of Cultural Affairs. Reference is made to "Other Substantive Issues" below.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 38 appropriates \$46.5 thousand from the General Fund to the Indian Affairs Department for the purpose of funding one full-time cashier and one full-time ranger for the Jemez state monument.

Significant Issues

IAD reports the addition of two full time employees to Jemez Monument will allow the site to return to a seven-day per week operation from the current six-day schedule that has been in effect for two years. The addition of the full time cashier would relieve a higher salaried ranger from having to staff the information desk and collect entrance fees. The addition of the ranger will permit the site to carry out a regular schedule of preservation maintenance of the 16th century pueblo and church ruins that are the primary cultural resources for which the monument was established.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$46.5 thousand 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.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The monument is actually operated by the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) and the operating budgets are appropriated through that agency. Consideration should be given to amending the bill to appropriate to OCA rather than IAD.

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