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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE Hot Air Balloons as Official State Aircraft SB 13

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
			NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of Cultural Affairs

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 13 designates the hot air balloon as the official state aircraft.

Significant Issues

New Mexico's symbols include the official flower, bird, tree, fish, animal, vegetables, gem, grass, fossil, cookie, insect, question, nickname, butterfly, reptile, and amphibian.

According to the Office of Cultural Affairs, there are several rationales for naming an official state aircraft, such as benefiting tourism through publicity efforts, possible educational opportunities, and generally enhancing the awareness of the importance of hot air balloons within New Mexico's history, current popular culture and tourism industry. In addition, the hot air balloon has not been designated as the official aircraft of any other state.

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The Office of Cultural Affairs also notes that the "...State of New Mexico is attempting to bring major aircraft manufacturing to New Mexico. Naming hot air balloons the "official state aircraft" may not be diplomatically prudent given this aggressive effort with economic development."

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Any expected fiscal and administrative impact associated with updating the New Mexico Blue Book and other informational and promotional publications is expected to be minimal.

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