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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nava DATE TYPED 03-11-05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE UNM El Centro de la Raza SB 799/aSFC

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB569

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Response Received From

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SFC Amendment

Senate Finance Committee amendment to SB799 amends the legislation by removing the appropriation as follows:

- *On page 1, line 12:* removes the language “; MAKING AN APPROPRIATION”.
- *On page 2, lines 5 through 10:* removes Section 2 in its entirety.

There is now no appropriation attached to this legislation.

Original Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 799 – Relating to Higher Education; Creating El Centro de la Raza at the University of New Mexico; Making an Appropriation – enacts a new section of Chapter 21, Article 7 NMSA 1978 as follows:

The "El Centro de la Raza" is created as a service center within the Division of Student Affairs of the University of New Mexico. The center shall provide training, technical assistance, research assistance, student academic support in the form of instruction and tutoring and information dissemination for Hispanic student recruitment and retention. The training, technical assistance, research assistance and information dissemination shall be made available to persons who participate in El Centro de la Raza. El Centro de la Raza shall prepare an annual report for the legislature showing the progress of the center in providing services to Hispanic students."

The bill additionally seeks to appropriate \$200,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY06 to pay the operating expenses of El Centro de la Raza. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

Founded in 1969, the mission of El Centro de la Raza is to assist University of New Mexico (UNM) students in reaching their academic goals. To accomplish this objective, it advocates on behalf of the students, presents culture-specific outreach activities, and educates the campus community on the diverse issues that affect Raza students attending or wishing to attend UNM. As indicated below some of the programs reflect traditional celebrations, while others are directed to educational purposes:

- Raza Junta
- 16 de septiembre
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Día de la Raza
- Hispano Student Day
- Día de los Muertos
- Raza Excellence
- Outstanding Student Award
- César Chávez Day
- Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship
- Cinco de mayo
- Raza Graduation
- Minority Undergraduate Fellows Program (MUFP)

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$200,000 appropriation would be a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The University of New Mexico will retain administrative oversight of this project.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to the appropriation for the University of New Mexico in the General Appropriations Act.

Relates to SB569 in that SB569 seeks to appropriate \$200,000 from the general fund to the

Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY06 to provide mentoring, tutoring and study support for Hispanic students through El Centro de la Raza.

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