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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/06

SPONSOR Gutierrez LAST UPDATED _____ HB 360

SHORT TITLE Develop Centennial Commemoration Plan SB _____

ANALYST Earnest

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Tourism Department (TD)

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 360 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the Tourism Department to advance the statewide master plan for commemorating the centennial of New Mexico's statehood. The plan will focus on statewide research, assessment and selection of 100 significant historic public structures in the state's 33 counties to be revitalized.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The 2012 Centennial Commemoration Plan was already developed by the Department of Cultural Affairs and its centennial steering committee. It includes several Legacy Projects that will improve institutional facilities and historic public structures so that the public better understands New Mexico history and culture.

According to the Tourism Department, these funds will be used to develop requirements for a state-wide strategic plan for marketing of the state's 100 year anniversary in 2012. Carefully planned marketing of this important event in New Mexico's history will support the Governor's Priority Policy Initiative 4.4, to promote and develop the state's arts and cultural resources by expanding and promoting tourism to New Mexico. A survey of other states' centennial efforts indicate a strong need for advanced planning and marketing to fully leverage the event's potential.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DCA indicates that in this bill the Tourism Department would oversee the research and implementation of improvements to historic structures. However, this work should be done by the Cultural Affairs Department and its Historic Preservation Division. It should be noted that Cultural Affairs has for the past year organized a collaborative effort with various state agencies, councils, universities and community cultural organizations to do the same. DCA, in conjunction with the Governor's office, over the next five years – beginning in 2007 – will also work with an appointed commission on the priorities of the 2012 New Mexico Centennial celebration.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This legislation does not authorize additional FTE at the Tourism Department to accomplish this project. While it is unclear how the Tourism Department will use the \$250 thousand appropriation, there would likely be an impact on existing resources.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 360 relates to Senate Bill 111, which appropriates \$100 thousand for the same purpose. However, this bill expands the scope of work by including an assessment and selection of 100 "significant historic public structures" in the state's 33 counties to be revitalized.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DCA notes that the Historic Preservation Division of the department oversees all state historic properties pursuant to existing state statutes (Prehistoric and Historic Sites Preservation Act 18-8-1 through 18-8-8, NMSA 1978, Cultural Properties Protection Act 18-6A-1 through 18-6A-6, NMSA 1978.) The division has an outstanding record of achievement documenting, recording and supporting preservation activities through its Cultural Preservation Revolving Loan Fund.

DCA suggests that the Tourism Department could create a tourism marketing program around the restoration of the historic properties while working with the DCA steering committee.

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Furthermore, at the December meeting of the centennial steering committee, each of the committee partners agreed to forgo individual legislative requests for funding in order to request Legislative support on behalf of the coordinated, joint effort.

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