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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/06

SPONSOR Varela LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 691

SHORT TITLE NMHU Youth Educational Film Initiative SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Earp

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
\$600.0		Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 459

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 691 appropriates \$600,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) for a youth educational initiative to market and promote the state and its culture through a film that features the state's stories, traditions, folk art and people.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$600,000 contained in this bill appears to be a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund. The bill contains the emergency clause; therefore, funding may be available to begin the film project in fiscal year 2006.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This proposal was not included among the special program funding requests submitted by NMHU to the Higher Education Department (HED) for review. Consequently, this proposal has not been included in the HED fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations to the Legislature.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

NMHU would administer the proposed appropriation.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

House Bill 691 and Senate Bill 459 are duplicate measures.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

HED provided information indicating that NMHU houses a Department of Communication and Fine Arts. This department works within the framework of northern New Mexico's artistic, theatrical, and musical culture each of which is woven into its courses and productions. Students have access to state-of-the-art computer systems, music studios, and art studios. The department also houses a television production studio and a computer lab dedicated to video graphics, effects, and animation.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

Is the intent of the appropriation only to support a one-time film project, or is there the intent to provide on-going support for the academic department at NMHU?

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