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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-9-2006

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED _____ HB 771

SHORT TITLE Luna Community College Mariachi Program SB _____

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$20.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 771 appropriates twenty thousand dollars from the general fund to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for the purpose of funding a mariachi pilot program at Luna Community College.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of twenty thousand dollars contained in this bill is a 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.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The appropriation seeks funding in order to initiate a start-up project that providing equipment, uniforms, and musical instruments for a mariachi program.

This will be the basis for the start-up of a program similar to the successful local West Las Vegas school district's *Mariachi Paisano*. This band is well-known around the local community, and provides entertainment statewide as well as nationally.

Currently, program goals include:

- Create an environment that fosters personal growth and cultural awareness.
- Prepare students for careers in music, business, or performance.
- Provide student opportunities to perform and enhance the culture with mariachi music.

This proposal was not submitted to NMHED through research, public service, and special program requests by LCC, and was not included in the Department's funding recommendation for fiscal year 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Appropriated funding is to be administered through New Mexico Higher Education Department.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The program would need alternate funding sources in order to initiate the program at this proposed level.

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