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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Robinson

SHORT TITLE UNM Center for Regional Studies Program SB 678

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 383.

Relates to Senate Bill 681, Senate Bill 554, Senate Bill 415/SFCS, and Senate Bill 382.

Relates to an Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 678 appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to support the Regional Studies Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250,000 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

This funding request was not on the list of priority projects submitted by UNM to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED) and was not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY07.

DUPLICATION AND RELATIONSHIP

The General Appropriation Act of 2006 (HAFC/H 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 78) includes \$1,000,000 for the Center for Regional Studies.

There are five special appropriation bills related to the Center for Regional Studies.

- Senate Bill 681 appropriates \$1,000,000 to the endowment fund at the Regional Studies Program to provide for professorships.
- Senate Bill 382 appropriates \$250,000 to provide for undergraduate and graduate fellowships, scholarships and internships; to support faculty research and encourage faculty recruitment; to produce film documentaries and collaborations about New Mexico and the United States-Mexico southwest borderlands; and to increase library collections and archives.
- Senate Bill 383 appropriates \$250,000 for general support to the Southwest Regional Studies Program (the Higher Education Department notes that the Southwest Regional Studies Program is the same as the New Mexico Center for Regional Studies).
- Senate Bill 554 appropriates \$150,000 for the same purpose as Senate Bill 382.
- Senate Bill 415/SFCS appropriates \$75,000 for the same purpose as Senate Bill 382, and \$50,000 for professorships at the Regional Studies Program.

The total of all of the above bills is \$2,775,000.

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