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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/05/2007

SPONSOR King LAST UPDATED _____ HB 511

SHORT TITLE NM Centennial Celebration Act SB _____

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$250.0	*Recurring	General Fund
		*Please see narrative	

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act
 Relates to; House Bill 477 and Senate Bill 71 (duplicate bills)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Tourism Department (TD)
 Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)
 Public Education Department (PED)
 Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 511 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to department of Cultural Affairs for the purpose of creating a commission of 13 governor-appointee members to coordinate and promote state and local observances of the State's 100th Anniversary; commemorating inclusion of New Mexico into the United States of America, January 6th, 1912.

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 on *January 1st, 2013* shall revert to the General Fund. The legislation contains a sunset provision whereby the act would automatically be repealed on January 1st, 2013.

*While the appropriation is considered recurring, the establishment of the New Mexico centennial fund would allow for continuing appropriations *only* until the 2013 sunset provision.

House Bill 511 creates the New Mexico Centennial Commission. The secretaries of Cultural Affairs, Tourism, and Indian Affairs department, in addition to the State Historian shall serve as ex-officio, non-voting members of the commission. In addition, 9 other members of the commission would be appointed by the executive and be entitled to mileage and per-diem under the Per Diem and Mileage Act. The executive shall appoint the chair of the commission.

House Bill 511 creates a new fund and provides for continuing appropriations. The LFC has concerns with including continuing appropriation language in the statutory provisions for newly created funds, as earmarking reduces the ability of the legislature to establish spending priorities.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Bill 511 would require cooperation and the commissions' soliciting assistance from state departments and agencies, local governments, schools and societies, and historical, patriotic, philanthropic, civic and other groups. Additionally, university presidents around the state shall participate, collaborate and provide research and publication services in conjunction with the commission's promotional efforts.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The New Mexico Centennial Commission shall submit its recommendations to the executive regarding events, projects, and materials selected and produced for the centennial promotion.

House Bill 511 supports the K-12 New Mexico Social Studies Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Performance Standards as well as other education content standards.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The administrative oversight of the centennial project would fall to the Cultural Affairs department.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 511 relates to appropriations in the General Appropriation Act. \$19 thousand was encumbered to contract New Mexico Heritage Preservation Alliance to provide preservation planning services pertaining to this centennial celebration in May 2006.

House Bill 477 (and its duplicate Senate Bill 71) appropriates \$60 thousand from the general fund to the Historic Preservation division of the Cultural Affairs department for the purpose of conducting statewide research, assessment and selection of one of one hundred historic public structures to be revitalized for the State's 2012 centennial celebration.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

House Bill 511 includes provisions allowing the commission to acquire chattel and real property; provided that chattel be deposited with the State Library or Archives, and that real property be held by the Cultural Affairs department or Property Control division of GSD.