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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/17/2007

SPONSOR Culbert LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 1105

SHORT TITLE UNM African American & Africana Studies SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Moser

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$190.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB385 and SB709

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Higher Education Department (NMHED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1105 appropriates \$190,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for the Charlie Morrissey Research Hall to repair and maintain existing archival facilities, display space, and provide base resources for faculty led student research focusing on the Black Diasporas at the national and international levels.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$190,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Charlie Morrissey Research Hall was established in 1990, to respond to these research interests and needs related to African Americans. The mission of the Research Hall is to become the southwest's best repository of documents about Black people of the Southwest. The Research Hall's collections include rare books, rare manuscripts, rare magazines and other publications, old photographs, audio and video tapes, deeds and titles to lands, oral histories, and other archival artifacts which document the presence of Africans and African Americans in New Mexico specifically, and southwest in general.

The Charlie Morrissey Research Hall organizes public lectures and panel discussions to address the presence in and the contributions of Africans and African Americans to the southwest. Periodic exhibitions of rare photographs and artifacts are included in the activities of the Hall.

The appropriation would be used to repair and maintain existing storage facilities for archival materials, support base resources for faculty led student research at the national and international levels.

This request was not submitted by UNM to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review, and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

SB385 is a relationship bill that appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 to support the African-American Studies Program.

SB709 is a related bill that appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for the African-American Student Services Program and operations.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The African American Studies Program at UNM offers a variety of courses specific to the literature, history, and culture of the African or Black Diaspora. The program offers an interdisciplinary baccalaureate degree, a specialized minor, and a general minor in African American Studies.

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