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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Stapleton ORIGINAL DATE 2/15/2007
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1173
SHORT TITLE UNM Core Faculty In Africana Studies SB _____
ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: SB 385, SB 709, HB 1170
Companion to: HB 1105, HB 1171, HB 1172

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Higher Education Department (HED)
NM Office of African Affairs

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1173 appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 and subsequent years to build a core faculty in the African American Studies Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300,000 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 African American Studies Program at UNM focuses on Africa, the Caribbean, South America, Latin America, Europe, and North America and offers a variety of courses that

illuminate 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. The program offers a variety of innovative community projects such as hosting traveling historical exhibits and a speaker series.

Currently, the program employs four full-time faculty members, one emeritus faculty, and one person serving the role of both director and faculty. The program offers more than 24 courses per semester with each faculty having a course load of five or more courses.

This appropriation will be used to hire faculty and expand the African Studies Department. The core faculty will create distance learning coursework, conduct research, and support undergraduate and graduate students in the African American Studies Program.

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

Companion bills are:

HB 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.

HB 1171 appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for a Visiting Scholars in Residence at the Charlie Morrissey Research Hall in the African-American Studies Program.

HB 1172 appropriates \$125,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 and subsequent years for a Senior Scholar at the Charlie Morrissey Research Hall in the African-American Studies Program.

Relationship bills are:

SB 385 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.

SB 709 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.

HB 1170 appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 to bridge the achievement gap for African American high school and first year students to prepare them for university course work and provide fellowships and assistantships and a distinguished lecture series in the African American Studies Program.