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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/23/08

SPONSOR Garcia, M.H. LAST UPDATED _____ HB 299

SHORT TITLE Taylor Reynolds Barela Mesilla Monument SB _____

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 112
 Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

Responses Received From
 Cultural Affairs Department (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 299 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to department of Cultural Affairs for operations of the Taylor-Reynolds-Barela Mesilla monument in Old Mesilla, New Mexico.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in House Bill 299 is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the General Fund.

The appropriation in House Bill 299 will provide operating support for the monument. The director of the state monuments states that this monument will need development of the general management plan, interpretive plan and other preservation work.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

A dedication ceremony for the Taylor-Barela-Reynolds-Mesilla State Monument occurred on September 14th, 2006. The property was made available in 2003 to the State through a generous

living-trust¹ donation from former Rep. J. Paul Taylor and his now deceased wife, Mary Helen Daniels Taylor.

Subsequent to this donation, the property was designated a monument by Gov. Richardson in February 2004.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The living-trust agreement specifies that the property shall be operated as a State Monument upon the passing of both Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, causing the termination of the living trust. The donors have stipulated that operations should begin within six-months of the passing of the remaining spouse. The department wishes to initiate some of the preliminary steps in conservation and curatorial work necessary prior to the eventual opening of the monument.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 299 relates to appropriations in the General Appropriations Act. The recommendation for the Cultural Affairs department included a \$75 thousand appropriation for preservation and maintenance of the Taylor state monument. The GAA recommendation did not include FTE.

Senate Bill 112 includes an appropriation of \$215 for this monument that would add two FTE positions; a project manager and a museum curator – at a total cost of \$135.0. The appropriation in Senate Bill 112 will provide operating support for these positions, in addition to contracts necessary for development of the general management plan, interpretive plan and preservation.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The donation agreement specifies that the site must become operational within six months of the expiration of the living-trust estate. The department states that it is therefore necessary to develop the site's general management plan, the property's preservation and maintenance plan, the site's interpretive plan, as well as the artifact curatorial and exhibit plans; including a curatorial plan and work on the home's collection.

The Executive proclamation dedicates and names this monument as the "Taylor-Barela-Reynolds" Monument, whereas, this legislation title states the "Taylor-Reynolds-Barela" monument.

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¹ An inter vivos trust is created by a grantor in life, for the purpose of holding ownership to an asset during the persons' lifetime; the most significant feature of this arrangement is in stipulating asset distribution at death upon the termination of the living trust.