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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/08

SPONSOR Picraux LAST UPDATED _____ HB 339

SHORT TITLE Historic Preservation Division Operations SB _____

ANALYST Cox

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

House Bill 339 requests an appropriation of seventy-five thousand dollars (\$75,000) from the General Fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 to the Cultural Affairs Department for the Historic Preservation Division to fund the operation and administration of:

- the Cultural Properties Review Committee,
- the Fort Stanton Development Commission,
- the Historic Landscape Trust and ,
- the Main Street Revolving Loan Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DCA has classified this funding as ‘non-recurring’. This type of funding, however, is considered, as ‘recurring’ under LFC guidelines.

The appropriation of seventy five thousand dollars (\$75.0) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

The four committees alluded to (above) in the Bill were created in State Statute, but funding to support the work of the committees was not included in any of the legislation. All four commit-

tees set policy for programs that include a balance of historic preservation and economic stimulus to the property owners and communities of the State.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Travel, per-diem, compilation and manpower expenses are necessary to implement these Committees work.

DCA notes that:

Each committee is directed in Statute to be a policy making body and to reach out to the diverse cultural resources of the State and assist them with recognition and planning for preservation. The Cultural Properties Act (18-6-1 through 27, NMSA 1978) creates and sets out the responsibilities of the Cultural Properties Review Committee. The Historic Landscape Act (18-13-1 through 7, NMSA 1978) creates and sets out the responsibilities of the Board of Trustees of the Historic Landscape Trust. The Main Street Revolving Loan Committee (3-60C-1 through 6, NMSA 1978) creates and sets out the responsibilities of the Main Street Revolving Loan Committee. The Fort Stanton Development Commission (9-6-12 through 14, NMSA 1978) creates and sets out the responsibilities for the Commission.

Each committee is intended to include people with cultural resource knowledge. Because the CPRC, Landscape Trust, and Main Street Revolving Loan Committee members are intended to represent the rural and urban communities around the state, preservation planning, public participation in meetings, per diem and travel expenses require general fund support. The committees meet a minimum of four times annually. Administrative support includes staff, reporting, public notice of meetings and dissemination of material via the internet and through the mail.

Lack of funding will severely restrict Historic Preservation Division's (HPD) ability to provide critical technical assistance and administrative support to these committees. Public involvement in preservation of cultural resources may be reduced because the committees will not meet or meet the minimum number of times required annually to conserve funds.

The work of these committees directly supports state economic activities such as the work of Main Street communities across the state in their ability to use financial incentives, make critical planning decisions and promote tourism. And as the state prepares for the 2012 Centennial, these committees will see increased activity in identification, historic designation, rehabilitation and heritage tourism spurred by the Centennial.

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