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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Martinez, K. ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/08  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 532  
SHORT TITLE Julian Samora Legacy Project SB \_\_\_\_\_  
ANALYST Haug

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$350.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 532 appropriates \$350.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to support the Julian Samora legacy project, which is a collaboration among the University of Texas, Michigan State University, the University of Notre Dame and the University of New Mexico to make the papers of anthropologist Julian Samora more accessible for research.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$350.0 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 HED states that the 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 FY09. The Julian Samora legacy project received \$100,000 non-recurring funding in FY08.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the HED,

The Julian Samora Legacy Project has formally been in existence since 2000. UNM has officially been involved in the project for one year. Dr. Samora's archives will be transferred from the University of Texas to UNM for the next three years.

UNM will use the funds for:

- the development of a video documentary of Dr. Julian Samora;
- the writing of an intellectual biography of Dr. Samora;
- a nationwide leadership training summer internship for high school teachers;
- the creation of an e-curriculum course for high school students;
- the establishment of a Julian Samora summer research grant; and
- the provision of scholarships, tuition waivers, and a monthly stipend for graduate and undergraduate students involved in the Julian Samora Legacy Project.

Dr. Julian Samora was a pioneering scholar of Mexican American studies, who focused on immigration, civil rights, public health, and rural poverty. His ideas were groundbreaking for their time and he paved the way for Latinos to understand and study themselves at university and policy-making levels, to understand the complex relationships between Mexicans and Mexican-Americans, to begin to study Mexican immigration, and to ready the United States for the reality of Latinos as the fastest growing minority in the United States. Dr. Samora co-founded the National Council of La Raza, the leading civil rights institute for Latinos. Among Dr. Samora's achievements was his early recognition of the importance of social science research in changing policies and conditions that affected the disadvantaged and cultivating a generation of social scientists who would continue his important work of exposing and overcoming the barriers to realizing the American dream. The Julian Samora Legacy Project works in conjecture with universities and private individuals to promote the ideals, leadership, research, and scholarship of Dr. Julian Samora.

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