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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/08

SPONSOR Cervantes LAST UPDATED _____ HB 625

SHORT TITLE Commission on Uniform State Laws Conference SB _____

ANALYST Cox

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|--------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY08 | FY09 | | |
| | \$50.0 | Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 625 requests an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Council Service for expenditure in fiscal years 2009 and 2010 for transportation costs, printing services and professional services for speakers for the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws' annual meeting in Santa Fe in 2009.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) contained in this Bill is a recurring expenditure to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2009 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws (NCCUSL), now 116 years old, provides states with non-partisan, well-conceived and well-drafted legislation that brings clarity and stability to critical areas of the law. NCCUSL's work supports the federal system and facilitates the movement of individuals and the business of organizations with rules that are consistent from state to state.

Uniform Law Commissioners must be lawyers, qualified to practice law. They are lawyer-legislators, attorneys in private practice, state and federal judges, law professors, and legislative staff attorneys, who have been appointed by state governments as well as the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands to research, draft and promote enactment of uniform state laws in areas where uniformity is desirable and practical.

The New Mexico membership includes (as per website):

- Burton, John P.
- Desiderio, Robert J
- Foy, Sr., Thomas P.
- Larragoite, Philip P.
- Cervantes, Joseph
- McSorley, Cisco
- Sanchez, Raymond G.
- Tackett, Paula

Significant speakers' costs are likely to be incurred for this national convention on July 9 – 16, 2009. The convention gives Santa Fe and New Mexico a chance to be portrayed in a positive position to States' and national leaders.

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