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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/06/13

SPONSOR Morales LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Public Humanities Programs SB 417

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$100.00	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 417 appropriates \$100.0 from the General Fund to the Department of Cultural Affairs for the purpose of funding statewide public humanities programs. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance at the end of fiscal year 2014 would revert to the General Fund.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

DCA currently has \$50.0 included the 2013 General Appropriation Act for statewide humanities programs. This bill would increase that amount by \$100.0 to \$150.0 in FY14.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The State has funded statewide humanities programs for 25 years. State funds have been used to contract with the federally recognized New Mexico Humanities Council to deliver educational programs in history and humanities across the state, including sponsoring New Mexico History Day, in which New Mexico students participate in a national history competition involving schools throughout the state and culminating in sending approximately 60 kids to Washington,

DC to compete in national finals each year.

DCA states: “In 2008, the state appropriation for this purpose was \$159.0, which was cut in subsequent budget years as state budget funds were reduced. The current funding level is now \$50.0.”

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