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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

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Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date 1/20/2024
Bill No: SB106

Sponsor: William E. Sharer **Agency Name and Code** Department of Cultural Affairs –
Short Title: Declaration of Independence Anniversary **Number:** 505
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	\$250.0	Nonrecurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$250.0	TBD	TBD	Nonrecurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis:

SB106 creates, as well as establishes responsibilities of the Cultural Affairs Department, to participate in and administer a twelve-member commission for the Semiquincentennial Commission commemorating the 250th year anniversary of the founding of the United States. Section 1 identifies the role of the Commission to plan, promote and implement public celebrations and commemoration activities. The Cultural Affairs Department would be obligated to staff, administer, and participate as a member of the commission, on a temporary basis.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

A onetime appropriation of \$250,000 for use in FY24 through FY27 to the Cultural Affairs Department is intended to cover the expenses of the semiquincentennial commission, including increased personnel time and department resources associated with the completion and execution of recommended activities. The department believes the initial appropriation is sufficient and can request additional funding if needed in the future.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The proposed commission in SB106 would follow the leadership of the United States semiquincentennial commission, created by congress in 2016 and commonly referred to as “America 250,” and reflect similar commissions already created or under consideration in other states.

According to the official website of the national commission (America.250.org), 42 state and territorial commissions were in place through 2023. SB106 will ensure New Mexico is added to the list.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

None identified.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Administrative support for this undertaking will require a gradually increasing amount of personnel time from DCA. Within the scope of the proposed activities, this has the potential to start at .5 FTE in FY25 and, depending on scope of implemented celebrations and commissions, expand to a minimum of 2-4 FTE during FY26 and FY27.

Section 4 describes the reporting requirements as well as potential recommended activities that require significant administrative oversight and resources, for which the Cultural Affairs Department would be responsible to implement at the direction of the commission including production, publication and distribution of materials; development of special projects; and coordination and execution of ceremonies and activities with external partners.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Non Identified.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

From America 250's supported public forums, presentations, and workshops, the active inclusion of federally recognized tribes is a critical part of the commemoration process. As written, SB106 includes the Secretary for Indian Affairs but does not officially include membership from New Mexico's 19 pueblos, 2 tribes or Navajo Nation.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

New Mexico will lack coordinated participation in the 250th anniversary if SB106 is not enacted.