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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Knauer	DATE TYPED:	02-05-00	HB	386
SHORT TITLE:	Culturally Based Bilingual Materials			SB	
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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$97.2*			Recurring	GF

**The appropriation is for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.*

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 386 appropriates \$97.2 from the general fund to the State Department of Education to purchase hardbound compilations of the monthly publication called *AMIGOS* for use as New Mexico culturally based bilingual materials in all bilingual education programs in New Mexico's secondary schools.

Significant Issues

Materials based on New Mexico culture are not easy to obtain because the state's small population is not a lucrative market for publishers who target state's with larger populations where bigger profits may be earned. This bill provides school districts with the funds needed to purchase materials based on New Mexico culture.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill appropriates \$97.2 to the SDE from the general fund for expenditure in fiscal years 2000 and 2001. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2001 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

None apparent.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill appropriates funds to purchase materials for use in all secondary bilingual programs in New Mexico's public schools but does indicate how the appropriation is to be distributed.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

- Is the publication *AMIGOS* on the state's adopted textbook list? If not, why not?
- Has the publication been proposed for adoption? If not, why not?
- If the publication is not the state's adopted textbook list, is it possible to propose that it be considered for adoption? If so, when is the earliest it could be considered?

LB/gm