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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Garcia, MH DATE TYPED: 3/2/03 HB 816

SHORT TITLE: Mariachi Activities Funding SB _____

ANALYST: Wilson

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	\$50.0			Recurring	General Fund

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From

Department of Finance & Administration (DFA)
Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 816 appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGA) of DFA for the purpose of providing funding for music instruction, traditional outfits, instruments, sound equipment and travel to a mariachi conference for one or more mariachi groups that operate in the Las Cruces, Deming and El Paso areas.

Significant Issues

The Arts Division of OCA allocates funds for touring and outreach to arts services organizations within New Mexico in the established grants cycle. The RFP process for these grants is usually open to all areas of the state and excludes out of state applicants. HB 816 funding is only available in the Las Cruces, Deming and El Paso areas.

DFA states it appears monies are being expended for the benefit of select private groups. This may violate the anti-donation clause of the state constitution.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund for expenditure in fiscal years 2004 and 2005. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of unexpended or fiscal year 2005 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The staff of the LGA of DFA will administer this appropriation as part of its statutory responsibilities.

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