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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Fidel DATE TYPED: 02/18/03 HB

SHORT TITLE: Cultural, Educational & Historic Activities SB 626

ANALYST: Gonzales

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY03	FY04	FY03	FY04		
	150.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received From
Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 626 appropriates \$150.0 from the general fund to the Office of Cultural Affairs for the purpose of providing funding for the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities to: (1) sponsor cultural, educational and historical activities, statewide, in rural and urban locations and (2) research, interpret and make public presentations on how the availability and accessibility of water has characterized New Mexico's settlement.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY04 shall revert to the general fund. However, in past General Appropriation Acts, the Office of Cultural Affairs is a non-reverting agency.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

OCA would have minimal impact to conduct the request for proposal process (RFP) to accommodate the state procurement process and the anti-donation laws.

RELATIONSHIP

The New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities currently receives \$150.0 from OCA to provide humanities education services statewide.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

This bill specifically appropriates the funding to OCA for contracting with New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities, however, OCA would need to follow the RFP process, allowing any interested vendors, including New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities, to submit proposals to provide services for the specified activities

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

It is OCA's understanding that if the New Mexico Endowment for the Humanities received this contract, that they would issue 10 to 15 grants to community groups, on a competitive basis. The grants will be to enable the community groups to research, organize, interpret, preserve and present to the public their community's historic and present relation to land and water. The grants will allow formats including exhibitions, oral history projects, symposia and panel talks, conferences, radio programs, workshops, lectures, and videos. Other formats may also qualify. There are three reasons to offer communities these grants: (1) to help them build capacity to serve their communities through their local museums and libraries; (2) to help them assess their community's position with regard to historic and future water supply and quality; and (3) to help them begin preparations for the Centennial celebration of New Mexico's statehood and for the many local centennials occurring in the coming few years.

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