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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Robinson DATE TYPED 03/03/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Rolling Rainforest Exhibit to New Mexico SB 936

ANALYST Ford

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)
Tourism Department (NMTD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 936 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the tourism department to contract with the children's museum of Washington D.C. to bring its rolling rainforest exhibit to New Mexico.

Significant Issues

According to PED, the Rolling Rainforest was created for underserved elementary schools in the Washington, DC area, but also visits schools and museums throughout the nation. Because it is a mobile exhibition, it can reach students and teachers who might have transportation or budget issues. The exhibit, housed in a tractor-trailer, normally visits a school for one week. Programs for individual classes range from 1 to 2 ½ hours; teachers may select from a variety of programs that include hands-on activities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMTD would have to administer a contract with the children's museum of Washington, D.C.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

NMTD suggests that the Department of Cultural Affairs is better suited to sponsor and promote the rainforest exhibit.

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