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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Balderas ORIGINAL DATE 2/8/06
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 717
SHORT TITLE Mora Land Grant Historical Research SB _____
ANALYST Medina

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$50.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 67 and Senate Bill 164

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

State Commission of Public Records (SCPR)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 717 appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund to the State Commission of Public Records for the State Historian to perform historical research related to the Mora Land Grant.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the State Commission of Public Records (SCPR), considerable information regarding the Mora Land Grant is already available. The agency contends that it would need more direction on the intent or purpose of what the bill requires of them before any research contracts could be negotiated.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The agency contends that given existing job responsibilities, the State Historian would not have the time to conduct this research and the research would need to be conducted by a contractor.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 67 appropriates \$35.0 and Senate Bill 164 appropriates \$40.0 from the general fund to the State Commission of Public Records for the purpose of continuing a survey of state-owned property located within the former common lands of community land grants, to research the chain of title of those properties, and to provide the Legislature with an estimate of the cost of completing the research project.

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