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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Wallace ORIGINAL DATE 1/22/2007
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 22
SHORT TITLE PROMOTE & DEVELOP FARMERS MARKETS SB _____
ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 86, SB 237, SB 235

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Department of Health (DOH)

Department of Agriculture (DOA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 22 appropriates \$150,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in FY 2008 for the New Mexico Department of Agriculture to promote and develop New Mexico's farmers' markets for economic development.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 will revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

There are farmers’ markets in the following communities (www.farmersmarketsnm.org):



The NMHED analysis states that the farmers’ market project was among the NMSU priorities as submitted to NMHED. However, the priorities as approved by the NMSU Board of Regents (December 5, 2006 email) makes no specific reference to a Farmers’ Market Program and such a program has not been recommended by the Higher Education Department.

The DOH analysis indicates House Bill 22 is supported by the New Mexico Task Force to End Hunger. Promotion and further expansion of New Mexico’s farmers’ markets will make fresh produce readily available to the Commodities Supplemental Food Program (CSFP) participants. Increased fresh fruit and vegetable intake is one of the key messages that the Department of Health encourages through the “5-A-Day” and the “Fruits & Veggies – More Matters” programs to help prevent chronic diseases such as coronary heart disease, some cancers, obesity, and osteoporosis.

The Executive budget recommendation includes funding for the following initiatives:

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| 1. Healthy Kids/Healthy Economy | \$965,500 |
| 2. Farmers’ Market Nutrition Program | \$172,400 |
| 3. Capacity Building for Farmers Markets | \$103,500 |
| 4. NM Produce Food-Bank | \$758,600 |

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The NM Department of Agriculture has administered the funding provided in previous years for this purpose. No significant administrative impact is anticipated.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 22 is related to HB 86 which includes a \$250,000 appropriation for a similar purpose.

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