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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/29/07
 LAST UPDATED 1/30/07 HB 469/aHJC

SPONSOR Rodella

SHORT TITLE Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division Duties SB _____

ANALYST Ortiz

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
\$500.0		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Responses Received From
 Attorney General's Office (AGO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill of HJC Amendment

House Judiciary Committee amendment to HB 469 strikes the word "federal" from page 2, line 3 and refers the bill to House Appropriations and Finance Committee.

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 469, Relating to the Attorney General; Prescribing Duties of the Guadalupe Hidalgo Treaty Division; Making an Appropriation' Declaring an Emergency appropriates \$500 thousand from the GENERAL FUND to the Attorney General's Office for the purpose of funding the operation of the Guadalupe Hidalgo treaty division.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500.0 thousand contained in this bill is a RECURRING expense to the GENERAL FUND. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FISCAL YEAR 2008 shall revert to the GENERAL FUND.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Attorney General's FY08 budget request notes that additional funding is needed because of the effects of recent statutory amendments, which recognize community land grants as political subdivisions of the State of New Mexico. These statutory changes created legal complexities and conflicts for community land grants, local governments, and the state and federal governments. The AGO FY08 budget indicated that it would travel to interim land grant meetings, to consult with Land Grant Boards, heirs, Land Grant experts, and congressional members concerning proposed solutions to historic land grant disputes over full recognition of property rights.

House Bill 469 requires that the AGO prepare and present to the legislature recommendations for federal legislation or litigation necessary to address the issues identified pursuant to paragraph (1) of this subsection that the attorney general finds have not been adequately addressed or resolved by the federal government.

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