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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Maestas **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/05/10
LAST UPDATED _____ **HB** 283
SHORT TITLE Repeal Sports Advisory Committee **SB** _____
ANALYST Pava

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	NFI	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Sports Authority (NMSA)

Tourism Department (TD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 283 seeks to repeal section 9-15a-11 NMSA relating to the Sports Advisory Committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB 283 has no appropriation or fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

TD is in support of this proposal. The Sports Authority was created in 2005 and transferred to become a division within TD in 2007.

The Executive Director of the New Mexico Sports Authority supports the repeal of the Sports Advisory Committee for these reasons.

1. The repeal would save the state around \$12,000.00 a year in per diem expenses budgeted to the committee members.

2. The Sports Authority (a division of the Tourism Department) will continue to answer to the Tourism Commission, like all other Tourism Divisions.
3. It is redundant to have to report to two commissions concerning the same issues on eight different occasions since both meet quarterly.
4. This would also save in costs associated with moving the meetings throughout the state in regards to our staff's travel.

The Sports Authority Advisory Committee was created and administratively attached to the NM Sports Authority in 2005, then transferred with the Authority to TD in 2007. It consists of 25 members appointed by the Governor and six ex-officio voting members, to include the Cabinet Secretaries of TD, Taxation and Revenue, Economic Development; the Superintendent of Regulation and Licensing, Chief Counsel to the Governor; and the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff for legislative affairs.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

TD believes the size of the advisory committee makes it ineffective and unwieldy. TD also believes the costs generated by the authority due to the statutory requirement that it meet once a quarter are excessive (\$12,000 annually). Seldom is a quorum obtained, making it difficult if not impossible for the committee to reach consensus.

TD also believes that the duties of the committee – advising TD in regards to sports activities and promotions – are much better served through the efforts of the seven-member tourism commission, which already exists.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

TD would continue to work with the Sports Advisory Committee and fund its statutory-required travel reimbursements through the general fund.

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