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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/05/10

SPONSOR Lujan, B LAST UPDATED _____ HJM 46

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Children's Museum as State Museum SB _____

ANALYST Varela

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$25.0 - \$50.0				

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 46 requests that the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) study the feasibility of adding the Santa Fe Children's Museum to the state museum system.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

There is no appropriation associated with the memorial.

This joint memorial requests a feasibility study that would require staff time and resources to research the proposed addition of the Children's Museum. DCA notes that adding another museum to New Mexico's state-funded and operated museum system would create need for additional general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to DCA, the Santa Fe Children’s Museum has offered programming and interactive indoor and outdoor exhibits for Santa Fe and New Mexico young people. The popular and well-visited museum provides a volunteer and paid internship program for teens, as well as museum field trip opportunities for school children throughout the year.

There are children’s museums in other communities across New Mexico, including the Explora Science Center & Children’s Museum in Albuquerque and the E3 Children’s Museum and Science Center in Farmington.

The Santa Fe Children’s Museum currently leases space in a building that is part of the Bataan Arts Complex on Old Pecos Trail in Santa Fe. The complex is owned by the State Department of Military Affairs and managed by DCA. Other tenants in the complex include the Center for Contemporary Arts (CCA), Santa Fe Performing Arts Company and School, and the Bataan Memorial Military Museum (operated by the Dept. of Military Affairs).

It should be noted that DCA has under its umbrella the nation’s largest state-run, state-funded museum system. The department currently has eight museums, with the New Mexico Veterans Museum in Las Cruces – the system’s ninth – in the design stage. DCA also includes the New Mexico State Monuments.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

DCA received appropriations in prior years from the Legislature in order to contract with the Santa Fe Children’s Museum for art and education programs.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The Santa Fe Children’s Museum will continue to be a privately operated institution with diverse funding including private and government sources.

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