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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 03/11/11

SPONSOR SRC _____ LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Revising Membership of State Fair Commission SB 359/SRCS _____

ANALYST Soderquist _____

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY11	FY12	FY13	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non- Rec	Fund Affected
Total	Indeterminate	Indeterminate	Indeterminate			

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
New Mexico State Fair

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Rules Committee substitute for Senate Bill 539 legislation requires the state fair commission to give written notice of its meetings to all neighborhood associations, recognized pursuant to the city of Albuquerque’s Neighborhood Association Recognition Ordinance, that share a border with the state fairgrounds. The notices shall be mailed by first class mail to the authorized representative of each neighborhood association at least seven calendar days prior to the meeting. In the event of an emergency meeting of the commission, the notice may be given through telephone at least six hours prior to the scheduled starting time of the meeting. The committee substitute also requires the state fair commission give written notice of actions taken at its meetings to all neighborhood associations that share a border with the state fairgrounds mailed within forty-eight hours of the vote of the commission authorizing those actions.

The committee substitute also creates a “State Fair Advisory Committee”. The committee shall consist of members representing the neighborhood associations that share a border with the state fairgrounds. The Bernalillo county commission shall be the appointing authority of three members while the mayor of the city of Albuquerque shall be the appointing authority for the remaining members of the seven member state fair advisory committee. The tourism department shall provide administrative and financial support to the state fair advisory committee.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The fiscal impact of the legislation is indeterminate. The legislation requires the Tourism Department to provide administrative and financial support to the proposed commission but does not state what this support would entail. According to the analysis provided by the Tourism Department, the agency currently budgets \$5,000 annually for the seven-member Tourism Commission, and expects a similar amount would be required for the proposed commission. Currently, approximately \$5-10 thousand is authorized annually for State Fair Commission instate mileage and per diem.

The State Fair Commission is an enterprise fund and must generate its own revenue to cover operating expenses.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The legislation is focused on the relationship between the New Mexico State Fair and its impact on Albuquerque and the neighborhoods surrounding the State Fair grounds. However, as the State Fair Commission is a statewide commission and the performance measures of the State Fair emphasize efforts to increase statewide participation, it could be argued that consideration should be given to regional balance as new Commissioners are selected. Current statutes mandate no specific region of New Mexico assume priority over another. The response from the New Mexico State Fair stated that Commissioners should be selected through the Association of Counties and the Municipal League.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB 512.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The State Fair Advisory Committee will not exist and there will be no requirement for written notification concerning State Fair Commission meetings.

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