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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino ORIGINAL DATE 3/5/17  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE La Marcha as Official New Mexico Dance SB 449

ANALYST Martinez

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY17	FY18		
NFI	NFI	NFI	NFI

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Cultural Affairs Department

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

As proposed, this bill would adopt *La Marcha de Los Novios* as the official dance of New Mexico.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB 449 carries no appropriation and will not have a fiscal impact on the Department of Cultural Affairs.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Cultural Affairs Department states that although *La Marcha de Los Novios* is a culturally important dance in New Mexico, designation of this song as the official dance of New Mexico through legislation singles out one cultural traditional dance over other cultural dances without a public process or wider public input.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

As proposed, this bill does not require a public process to determine the designation of an official state dance. Without public input, it is difficult to assure that this particular dance is representational of New Mexico's diverse dance heritage.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

La Marcha will not be recognized as the official state dance.

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