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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lundstrum/Johnson/ Harper/Martinez, J./ Thomson ORIGINAL DATE 2/18/19 LAST UPDATED _____ HB 536
 SHORT TITLE Explora Science Center & Children’s Museum SB _____
 ANALYST Blair

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
\$100.0		Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 536 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division of the Department of Finance and Administration to support public school outreach and engagement for the Explora Science Center and Children's Museum. Any unexpended or unencumbered funds remaining at the end of FY20 will revert to the general fund.

Explora offers a large number of programs in both English and Spanish to include field trips, semester programs, camps, youth intern programs, educator workshops and various outreach programs, many of which provide value to public school students, school organizations and parents.

Specific outreach programs:

- Many libraries around the county and state offer Explora activities at no charge for their library visitors (to include public school groups).
- Explora activities are sometimes offered in partnership with other museums or educational organizations around the state.
- Explora outreach vans can provide a wide range of educational programs to schools

anywhere in New Mexico.

- Public school groups can schedule field trips to Explora with guided exhibit exploration and an engaging classroom program designed for specific age groups, grade levels.
- Explora offers unique educational programs designed to include both public school students and their families.

These proposed appropriation funds will help facilitate the public school outreach and engagement process.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

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SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

A major assumption is that this public school outreach and engagement program will be successfully completed, at least to the point of the funds being encumbered, within FY20. Because the appropriation would benefit an existing program, implementation is likely to be fairly quick and timely.

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