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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Papen DATE TYPED: 02/16/01 HB _____
SHORT TITLE: Archaeological Repository Collection SB 617
ANALYST: Moran

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
\$ 199.0		See Narrative		Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Office of Cultural Affairs
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

SB 617 appropriates \$199,000 from the general fund to the Office of Cultural Affairs (OCA) to relocate the archaeological collection of the Museum of Indian Arts and Culture/Laboratory of Anthropology from the basement of La Villa Rivera Building (the old St. Vincent hospital building). The bill has an emergency clause.

Significant Issues

The relocation involves an estimated 10 million archaeological objects currently housed in the basement of the La Villa Rivera Building in downtown Santa Fe. The collections in the La Villa Rivera building consist of artifacts recovered from archaeological investigations that have taken place over the last 70 years. Collectively they represent 12,000 years of culture history in New Mexico and constitute an irreplaceable resource for ongoing use in research and popular interpretation. Included are pottery, chipped and ground stone and bone tools, soil samples, and perishable remains pertaining to Paleo-Indian, Archaic, ancestral Pueblo, and historic tribes, as well as materials from Spanish, Mexican, and Anglo occupations. Materials are derived from more than 155,000 recorded archaeological sites.

The State of New Mexico, through the General Services Department, has for several years been attempting to sell the La Villa Rivera building and recently announced the acceptance of an offer by a consortium of business people to purchase the building. There are no provisions in the bill to house

the archaeological collections that are to be relocated when the La Villa Rivera sale is complete. The bill addresses the issue of relocation only.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$ 199.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY02 shall revert to the general fund.

Though this bill will appropriate funds for the relocation of these items only, according to the OCA, there will be recurring costs when a new space for these items is found.

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