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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Wirth DATE TYPED 2/24/05 HB 1003

SHORT TITLE Palace of the Governors' Archaeological Work SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$100.0			Recurring	General Fund

Relates to appropriation for the DCA in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1003 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the DCA in FY06 to analyze artifacts recovered from the Palace of the Governors archaeological excavations and to prepare a publication on the results.

Significant Issues

The analysis of recovered artifacts representing 400 years of New Mexico history will offer new information on the historical uses and lifestyles associated with the Palace of the Governors and early New Mexico settlements. The DCA would like to share this new information through a publication on the archaeological studies.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The LFC report states that attendance has steadily declined since FY00 at the Palace of the Governors museum. A suggestion in the report to reverse this trend is for New Mexico museums to look at developing new exhibits.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

This appropriation was not part of the agency budget request reviewed by the LFC in 2004. The LFC FY06 appropriation recommendation is balanced between revenues and expenditures and any increase in recurring funding must be offset by reductions in other areas of the recommendation. The Legislature must consider all priorities and funding requirements to find revenue to support this legislation.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This initiative may positively impact the DCA's public educational programs and encourage more visitors to the museum.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL?

DCA reports that there is the potential to lose important historical information on early New Mexico.

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