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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/21/07

SPONSOR Stewart LAST UPDATED _____ HB HM 34

SHORT TITLE Read to a Child Day SB _____

ANALYST Guambaña

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Memorial 34 declares November 1, 2007 “Read to a Child Day”.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

House Memorial 34 states that:

- A team of fourth- and fifth-grade students at La Union Elementary School in the Gadsden independent school district conducted a community literacy initiative and wanted to give every third-grade student in New Mexico a book based on what they learned;
- This team of students began research on New Mexico authors, identified over forty authors, developed a rating rubric and narrowed their list down to fifteen;
- The students contacted a group of adults who were representative of the state and invited them to be part of a selection committee using their rubric to narrow the list of books to six;
- The governor was asked to make the final decision on a book and selected "Santero's Miracle" by Rudolfo Anaya. Each third-grade student will receive a copy.
- The book will be accompanied by a web-based teacher curriculum and a hard copy of a parent curriculum that will be tied to the New Mexico curriculum standards;
- The governor selected November 1, 2007 to distribute the books to every third-grade student, which marks National Family Literacy Day; and

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- Reading aloud is a time-honored tradition for parents, caregivers and children, and has a lifelong impact on a child's learning experiences, developmental progress and even social interaction;
- House Memorial 34 requests that copies of this memorial be transmitted to the Secretary of Public Education and the governor.

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