

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current and previously issued FIRs are available on the NM Legislative Website ([www.nmlegis.gov](http://www.nmlegis.gov)) and may also be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Campos ORIGINAL DATE 2/26/17  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_  
SHORT TITLE Official State Winter Holiday Song SB 325  
ANALYST Martinez

### **ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY17	FY18	FY19	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	NFI					

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

LFC Files

Responses Received From

N/A

### **SUMMARY**

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 325 declares “Gracias New Mexico,” written by Carol J. Mulberry-Sanchez, as the official state winter holiday song.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

SB 325 carries no appropriation and will not have a fiscal impact to any state agency.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The Department of Cultural Affairs has stated that there are concerns with one song, however worthy, being declared as an official state song, with no opportunity for other songwriters to be afforded a chance to have their work considered for this honor under a fair and equitable statewide competition.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

As mentioned above, a statewide competition to allow all New Mexico songwriters to submit a winter songs for consideration as the official state winter holiday song would be an alternative. One possible avenue would be to have the Governor’s appointed Music Commission, which meets six times a year, conduct this competition.

JM/jle