

Significant Issues

This bill makes reference to TD working in conjunction with the New Mexico athletic commission, an entity that does not exist.

TD indicates it does not commonly engage in the development of events or take an active role in the planning of such events. TD does actively promote and advertise numerous events throughout the state to attract tourists to New Mexico.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

This bill may help to increase the state's share of the national tourism market, a key performance measure for TD.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250.0 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to TD, this bill will require redirection of personnel to engage in activities not currently assigned, such as development of events. However, it may possible for TD to contract with people experienced in developing sporting events.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The Governor's budget in brief (p. 46) includes a new program initiative recommendation for \$250.0 to promote New Mexico as a golf destination.

HB58 creates the New Mexico Sports Authority, attaches it administratively to TD and appropriates \$400.0 for its operating expenses in FY06. The FY06 executive budget recommendation for TD included \$400.0 for the same purpose.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The bill makes reference to the New Mexico athletic commission (lines 18 and 19), an entity which does not exist. TD wonders whether the drafter intended to reference the New Mexico Sports Authority, an entity that may be created with passage of HB58.

ALTERNATIVES

Remove the reference to the New Mexico athletic commission.

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