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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Salazar DATE TYPED 2/24/05 HB 810

SHORT TITLE Northern NM Summer Enrichment Programs SB _____

ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$23.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 810 appropriates \$23,000 from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY06 to contract for provision of summer enrichment programming for youth in the communities of Truchas, Ojo Sarco and Cordova.

Significant Issues

DFA indicates the appropriation in this bill will be used for staff, materials, supplies, field trips and other activities for a summer enrichment program that would be administered by Mountain View Elementary School faculty. The program will provide services to youth ages 6 to 13 and will provide activities for reading, art, dance, music and physical activities.

The Public Education Department (PED) noted this bill provides opportunities for students, teachers, parents and community members that to benefit from arts and other performance-based events and programs that may not otherwise be available. According to PED, the program would

include childcare, weaving and flamenco dancing, reading, swimming and other outdoor activities. The summer program would provide supervised activities with a ratio of 6 to 1 children to adults and include meals at noon. These events can bring families and communities together to share in learning experiences and promote a larger dialogue about education, culture and preparing children and youths for the future with a spotlight on building and maintaining self-esteem. Funding available through this initiative, if enacted, would allow the development of learning through the arts, culture and heritage in those communities. Learning through experiences such as these can make unique contributions to education, culture, society and the lives of individuals.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$23,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA indicated that its Local Government Division cannot administer the appropriation as proposed and does not possess the staff required to provide the oversight of a contract for youth services. DFA noted that PED currently oversees contracts dealing with youth services and could provide the oversight required for such a contract.

ALTERNATIVES

It may be preferable to appropriate the funds to PED, which has more extensive background in providing youth services. This would also facilitate implementation of the proposed program, as the public schools already have mechanisms in place to implement this appropriation.

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