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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR McCoy DATE TYPED 2/25/05 HB 845

SHORT TITLE Official State Cookbook SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)  
Secretary of State (SOS)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 845 would adopt “Simply Simpatico” as the official state cookbook of New Mexico.

#### Significant Issues

“Simply Simpatico,” published by the Junior League of Albuquerque, is one of hundreds of cookbooks dedicated to New Mexico recipes and cuisine. The book was first printed (and copyrighted) in 1981 and has enjoyed at least five subsequent print runs. Using recipes from a wide variety of Albuquerque and New Mexico residents, “Simply Simpatico” is a popular cookbook, attempting to represent the entire state and dedicated to “authentic tastes” and “old family favorites.” The book includes recipes from Indian, Mexican, Spanish, and Anglo traditions, according to promotional materials.

The central issue associated with this bill relates to the appropriateness of choosing one New Mexico cuisine cookbook, among the numerous possibilities, for official state designation. No matter the quality or popularity of “Simply Simpatico,” there may be many critics of this very subjective interpretation and decision (i.e. is this particular cookbook “wholly” representative of New Mexico’s cultures and cuisines? Does it include African-American or Asian-American tra-

ditions? Is it better than all other cookbooks? etc.)

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

There would be minimal fiscal impact to include the official state cookbook in state publications such as the Blue Book.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The Secretary of State indicated this would be a minor administrative change to update the Blue Book.

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