

The event will appeal to visitors from other states and from abroad, with positive impacts on the state's tourism industry.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.5 million contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 would revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to SB1001, which would appropriate \$25 thousand to the Cultural Affairs Department (DCA) to contract for a flamenco dance performance for Albuquerque's tricentennial celebration.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

If multiple legislators wish to appropriate funds for the tricentennial, it might be useful to appropriate the funds to one agency. SB1001 would appropriate to the Cultural Affairs Department for this purpose; HB895 would appropriate to DFA.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What is the current status of planning for Albuquerque's Tricentennial? When is the first event? What will be the climax of the celebration?
2. Has a particular plan been developed for use of the funds in this bill?

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