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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Luján, B. DATE TYPED 2/18/05 HB 900

SHORT TITLE New Mexico History Publication Series SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$210.0			Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB 607 and a section of SB 399

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Commission of Public Records

Public Education Department

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 900 appropriates \$210 thousand from the general fund to the Commission of Public Records for the purpose of enhancing the New Mexico history publications history series administered by the State Historian.

#### Significant Issues

According to the Commission of Public Records, the availability of authoritative historical works on various New Mexico themes that could be of use to educators and scholars could potentially strengthen the teaching of New Mexico history at the secondary and postsecondary levels. These works could also prove valuable sources of information on NM history for students and anyone interested in the state's rich history.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$210 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2006 shall revert to the general fund.

According to the Commission of Public Records, the appropriation contained in this bill will provide funding for contracting with a project manager, compensation for contributors and for printing and distribution costs. The intent is to use the appropriation to produce the first three in a series of ten publications. The first three volumes then would be made available for purchase (pursuant to the agency's resale program authorized in Section 14-3-8.1 NMSA 1978). Revenue from sales would be deposited to the agency's revolving fund and used to defray costs of producing future volumes in the series.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The agency states that the State Historian's staff relies on the support staff of the Archives and Historical Services Division but the administrative support that staff can provide is limited. In order to produce the series as envisioned, additional resources, in particular a contract project manager, would be necessary.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

This bill duplicates Senate Bill 607 and a section of Senate Bill 399.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to the Public Education Department, it has been more than 40 years since a project like this was published by the University of New Mexico, the Calvin Horn Publication Series. This work was an educational volume of comprehensive, documented research on New Mexico history. This new project, through the State Historian's office, will develop materials around themes in New Mexico history (i.e., education, labor, government, gender, religion, conflict and civil rights, social history, literary history, art and issues of Diaspora).

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