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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Garcia, M.P. DATE TYPED 02-24-05 HB HJM50

SHORT TITLE UNM El Centro de la Raza Funding SB _____

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB569, SB799

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Memorial 50 resolves that El Centro de la Raza is a viable service essential to the success of and retention of Hispanic students at the University of New Mexico; and that ethnic-, culture-, minority- and gender-based civic and social student services are critical to achieving the academic mission at the University of New Mexico in preparing New Mexicans for the future. It further requests that the University of New Mexico provide a stable commitment to its successful programs. The memorial additionally notes that:

- although El Centro de la Raza has experienced two consecutive budget cuts, it has continued to serve over three thousand Hispanic students annually and an increasing number every year;

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- has participated in and has received top ratings on three Commission on Higher Education evaluations and demonstrated increases in retention and improved grade point averages;
- the university of New Mexico graduates more Hispanic students than any other university in the state, and has one of the highest enrollments of Hispanic students at a four-year institution in the nation; and
- the university of New Mexico receives federal funding through the United States Department of Education exclusively for Hispanic students because of its status as an Hispanic-serving institution.

Significant Issues

Founded in 1969, the mission of El Centro de la Raza is to assist University of New Mexico (UNM) students in reaching their academic goals. To accomplish this objective, it advocates on behalf of the students, presents culture-specific outreach activities, and educates the campus community on the diverse issues that affect Raza students attending or wishing to attend UNM. As indicated below some of the programs reflect traditional celebrations, while others are directed to educational purposes:

- Raza Junta
- 16 de septiembre
- Hispanic Heritage Month
- Día de la Raza
- Hispano Student Day
- Día de los Muertos
- Raza Excellence
- Outstanding Student Award
- César Chávez Day
- Ida Romero Memorial Scholarship
- Cinco de mayo
- Raza Graduation
- Minority Undergraduate Fellows Program (MUFP)

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Copies of HJM 50 will be provided to the president of the University of New Mexico, the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico, and the Governor of the State of New Mexico.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to SB569 in that SB569 seeks to appropriate \$200,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY06 to provide mentoring, tutoring and study support for Hispanic students through El Centro de la Raza.

Relates to SB799 in that SB799 seeks to create El Centro de la Raza as a service center within the Division of Student Affairs of the University of New Mexico.

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