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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ryan DATE TYPED 2/22/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE Adult & Family Literacy Services SB 902

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APPROPRIATION (in \$000s)

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$200.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

No responses were received from the Cultural Affairs Department or from the Public Education Department at the time this FIR was prepared.

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 902 appropriates \$200,000 from the general fund to the Cultural Affairs Department for the purpose of contracting with a statewide nonprofit adult literacy organization to provide basic literacy services in areas of the state that are underserved by existing adult basic education and literacy programs. The appropriation would be used for program management and operating support for community-based literacy programs using volunteer tutors. Technical support for the programs would include training on evaluation standards and techniques, best practices in the delivery of literacy services, board development and training, volunteer recruitment and support, financial and program management and quantifiable documentation of outcomes. Existing services would be used whenever possible to avoid duplication of services.

Significant Issues

The New Mexico State Library in the Cultural Affairs Department (DCA) provides about \$400,000 annually to support the New Mexico Coalition for Literacy. This appropriation repre-

sents a significant portion of the Coalition's operating revenues. The appropriation in SB902 would likely be used to expand the support for the Coalition and to expand the number of communities served by this program. Additionally, the State funds literacy programs in the Adult Basic Education program in the Commission on Higher Education. The Coalition indicates that the two entities coordinate their services in order to prevent duplication.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200,000 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

DCA would likely administer the additional funds through existing contractors.

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