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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/06

SPONSOR HEC LAST UPDATED _____ HB 25/HECS

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Children's Museum Programs SB _____

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Education Committee substitutes House Bill 25 appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund to the Public Education Department for the purpose of funding educational programs through a children's museum in Santa Fe.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The Public Education Department reports the process of developing an RFP, reviewing proposals and providing financial oversight would require approximately \$7,700 in department resources.

The appropriation of \$100,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The department notes that development of such educational outreach programs based upon learning through the arts promote:

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- Creative, engaged, skilled and confident students for New Mexico
- Family and community involvement
- Cultural and traditional celebrations, appreciation and connections
- Celebration and development of artistic skills and knowledge
- Support to New Mexico's new elementary arts education programs
- Improved school performance, cultural preservation and rejuvenation and job training

House Bill 25/HECS differs from House Bill 25 by making no specific reference to a museum entity, thereby avoiding any potential issues with the state's procurement code or the state constitution's anti-donation clause.

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