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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/06

SPONSOR Trujillo LAST UPDATED _____ HB 257

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Filmmaking Training Program SB _____

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$160.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

Higher Education Department (HED)

Economic Development Department (EDD)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 257 appropriates \$160,000 from the general fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in fiscal years 2007 and 2008 to fund a filmmaking training pilot program at the Santa Fe Community College for Santa Fe public school teachers. The appropriation shall be used for film equipment and training materials.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$160,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. The funds may be spent in fiscal years 2007 and 2008. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2008 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This proposal was not included in the list of priority capital projects submitted to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and it was not in the Legislative Finance Committee’s budget recommendations.

The Public Education Department notes that using 21st century tools to develop 21st century learning skills is a key strategy, as defined by the Partnership for 21st Century Skills. The Partnership has stated that “students need to learn how to use 21st century tools beginning in elementary school to take full advantage of the vast array of research and multimedia resources, digital content and communications options available to them.” Until recently, digital video was considered prohibitively expensive. Today, it is common-place and affordable but without trained teachers, students will not develop these skills until later than necessary.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Higher Education Department is the fiscal agent for this appropriation.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The Higher Education Department notes that it is unclear what Santa Fe public school population will be targeted for teacher training in filmmaking. HB257 does not specify the training is targeted at elementary, middle or high school teachers. Training Santa Fe public school teachers in filmmaking technology implies that the curriculum will be expanded to include such courses for public school students.

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