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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED 2/6//2006 HB 279/aHEC

SHORT TITLE West Las Vegas School Cultural Activities SB _____

ANALYST McOlash/Baca

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$85.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

Synopsis of HEC Amendment

The House Education Committee Amendment increases the appropriation to \$85.0 from \$70.0.

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 279 appropriates \$70,000 from the General Fund to the Public Education Department for expenditure in FY 2007 to provide in-school classroom cultural activities in the West Las Vegas Public School District.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. .

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2007 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Public Education Department indicates the appropriation will provide classes for children in arts and cultural disciplines, art, dance, drama and music, and literacy. The arts make unique contributions to education, culture and society. Students, teachers, parents and community members would benefit from an arts, culture and education program that would support recognition and celebration of the diversity of culture in New Mexico.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

Educational outreach programs based upon learning through the arts and culture promote:

- 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
- (The President's Committee on the Arts and the Humanities, U.S. Department of Education, 2006).

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