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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/06

SPONSOR Rodela LAST UPDATED _____ HB 322

SHORT TITLE COMMUNITY LAND GRANT COMPREHENSIVE PLANNING SB _____

ANALYST Hadwiger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$300.0	Non-Rec	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB146

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Department of Indian Affairs (DIA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 322 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) to provide technical assistance to community land grants for comprehensive planning, including economic development, housing, land use, infrastructure and grant administration and training to operate as political subdivisions of the state. These funds would be allocated as follows: \$200 thousand to the North Central New Mexico Economic Development District and \$100 thousand to the Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 would revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA indicated that, with the 2003 law giving certain land grants local government status, the Legislature through its Interim Land Grant Committee recognized the need to follow up with technical assistance to help land grants with planning, administrative and management skills building. The funding request follows an appropriation by the 2005 legislature of \$200,000 through the Energy Mineral and Natural Resources Department for the same purpose. That funding enabled the contract planners to conduct planning for nine land grants, however, there are another fourteen land grants in need of planning assistance. DFA noted that the two councils of governments to whom the funds are directed in this bill have the bulk of the 23 land grants within their region and are very familiar with the needs of each land grant.

DIA provided the following background on the two agencies that would be recipients of these appropriations:

The North Central New Mexico Economic Development District (NCNMEDD) is an association, formed by state statute, of local units of government and other organizations created to encourage and allow regional cooperation on a multitude of issues,. It was created originally to serve the eight counties of Colfax, Los Alamos, Mora, Rio Arriba, San Miguel, Sandoval, Santa Fe, and Taos. The NCNMEDD focuses on improving the quality of life of member communities. The NCNMEDD is governed by a 35-member Board of Directors consisting of local elected officials, economic development committee representatives, members at large, and representatives of Indian Tribes.

The Northwest New Mexico Council of Governments (NWNMCOG) is a voluntary association of local governments, serving as the regional planning organization for the northwest corner of New Mexico, also known as State Planning and Development District I. The Northwest New Mexico Planning District (NCNMEDD) spans over 15,000 square miles of highland plateau country and encompasses a population of nearly 200,000, about one-half of whom are members of one of four sovereign Native American nations: the Navajo Nation; the Pueblo of Zuni; the Pueblo of Acoma; and the Pueblo of Laguna. Most of the region's land base is comprised of public lands (including federal Indian reservations), and approximately one-half of the region's population lives in non-municipal rural communities. Representatives of Indian Tribes serve on the board, including members from the Crownpoint Navajo Chapter.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

DFA indicated that, because DFA already contracts with each of these planning agencies to provide administrative and planning services for their member local governments, it would be easy to amend these contracts to include deliverables associated with land grant planning and technical assistance in this bill.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

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