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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/06

SPONSOR King LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 362

SHORT TITLE Santa Fe Farmers' Market SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Earp

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Bill 184 and House Bill 83

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act  
 Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)  
 Department of Agriculture (DOA)  
 Department of Health(DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 362 appropriates \$150,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) to support ongoing efforts by the New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA) to plan, establish programming for and continue to develop an adequate revenue stream for the Santa Fe farmers' market.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150,000 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.

The sum of \$80,800 was appropriated for this purpose in Chapter 34, Laws of 2005 (Senate Bill 190.) The Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) funding recommendation for fiscal year 2007 has included this amount as a component of a block-grant appropriation to NMSU for special project expansion. The Executive has not recommended continued funding of this line-item appropriation. Therefore, approval of the appropriation in this bill would result in the augmentation of the funding contained in HB 2 only if the LFC recommendation is adopted.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This request was not in the list of priority projects submitted by NMSU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED) for review and, therefore, was not included in the HED fiscal year 2007 recommendations to the Legislature.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

NMSU has administered appropriations for this purpose in the past. No significant additional administrative impact is apparent.

### **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

This bill relates to Senate Bill 184 and House Bill 83. These are duplicate measures that appropriate \$75,000 for promotion of farmers' markets.

House Bill 362 also relates to Senate Bill 182 which proposes to appropriate \$60,000 from the general fund to the Department of Health for expenditure in fiscal year 2007 to develop a Senior Citizen Farmers' Market Nutrition Program pilot project.

House Bill 362 also relates to multiple capital requests relating to the Santa Fe farmers' market site.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

Information provided through HED indicates that the mission of the Santa Fe farmers' market is to provide opportunities for farmers to sell their produce directly to consumers while providing consumers opportunities to buy locally grown produce directly from farmers. By doing this, the market increases the local food supply and production, and hopes to create, expand and enhance the economic strength and viability of farmers in northern New Mexico, while also contributing to the health and wealth of city residents. By promoting the economic possibility of farming, the market aims to maintain farming practices for current farmers and their children. The market's mission recognizes the environmental implications of farming and strives to maintain the regional land and water base quality. The primary focus of the Santa Fe Farmers' Market is to provide fresh, nutritious, locally grown products. It also offers a wide range of public services through educational programs and seasonal events.