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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-8-2006

SPONSOR Marquardt LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 707

SHORT TITLE NMSU-Alamogordo Music Program SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Dearing

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$35.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

New Mexico State University (NMSU)

New Mexico Department of Higher Education (NMDHE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 707 appropriates \$35,000 from the general fund to the New Mexico State University Board of Regents in order to provide funding for the music program at the Alamogordo branch of NMSU.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$35,000 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.

This request was not in the list of priority projects submitted by NMSU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and was not included in the Department's funding recommendation for fiscal year 2007.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) is committed to the adequate and equitable support of necessary instructional, student services, and academic support initiatives for all students in New Mexico. Activities to be funded in this proposal are currently recommended for funding through the Instruction and General (I&G) higher education funding formula within the General Appropriation Act. Funding of this program without consideration of similar needs at all institutions could weaken the equitability and thus the integrity of the established I&G formula funding process.

The Department of Music at NMSU has been an established, independent department since 1962. The department’s goals include providing quality education to students, and to preparing them of the successful careers as educators, in public schools or in private studios, and preparing them to successfully pursue graduate studies in music at recognized and established institutions and conservatories nationwide.

The music programs at the Alamogordo Branch of NMSU (NMSU-A) would utilize this appropriation to continue to grow the current music program by offering new courses as well as updated equipment.

The mission of NMSU’s music department is to:

- Prepare students for careers in the field of music
- Give all students opportunities to perform, study and experience music
- Enhance cultural atmosphere through proving performances to the community

**ADMINISTRATION IMPLICATIONS**

Funds to be administered through the existing program.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The music program at the Alamogordo Branch of NMSU would have to find alternative funding sources to expand the current music program, offer new courses and update equipment. Expansion of course offerings could be postponed.

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