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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR García, M.J. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE State Historian New Mexico History Scholars Program SB 358

ANALYST Medina

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 372

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

State Commission of Public Records (SCPR)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 358 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the State Commission of Public Records for the purpose of expanding the State Historian's New Mexico History Scholars Program with additional research fellowships and to support the lecture program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 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 agency received a special appropriation of \$9.5 in fiscal year 2006 to begin the scholars program. The LFC recommended continuing the scholars program with an additional \$14.4 in the agency's base budget. HAFC Substitute for House Bill 2 reflects this recommendation.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the State Commission of Public Records, this appropriation would “supplement that amount and would be used to expand the number of scholarships available; enable research at other institutions holding historical documents by providing compensation for travel; and funding advertising, room rentals and associated costs for an expanded lecture program. The agency does hope to continue the scholars program in future years as a means of promoting an interest in and appreciation of NM history, in compliance with its strategic plan.”

DUPLICATION

This bill duplicates House Bill 372.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The scholars program will continue to be limited in its capacity to provide fellowships for research will be limited to the state archives.

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