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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/05/06

SPONSOR Robinson LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE National and International Sporting Events SB 438

ANALYST Earnest

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$250.0	Non-recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Tourism Department (TD)

Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)

Response Not Received From

Sports Authority (SA)

### SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 438 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the NM Sports Authority to host and promote national and international sporting events in New Mexico.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a non-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.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This appropriation will be used to help bring at least two international world class rugby competitions to New Mexico, specifically to be played at University Stadium on the campus of the University of New Mexico.

RLD indicates that the USA Sevens is the largest international rugby tournament in North America, and has featured teams from 16 nations. The tournament has a festival atmosphere that carries its enormous spectator appeal. The Sports Authority would pursue this or other rugby tournaments with this funding. The skill, intensity and excitement of rugby and the growing fan base will be a welcome edition to the sporting events available in New Mexico. The Rugby Super League was developed as a result of the desire for more visibility for the sport of rugby throughout the United States. New Mexico provides an ideal location and atmosphere to join the growing trend of rugby fans. Bringing World Class International Rugby Competition to New Mexico is well within the realm of the statutory structure of the Sports Authority. .

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

Given its small staff of 3 FTE and current activities, it is not clear if the Sports Authority can allocate staff resources to pursue these events.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

RLD notes that the Sports Authority was created to develop a state-wide strategic plan for recruiting and retaining all forms of professional and amateur sporting events and for identifying existing infrastructure for sporting activities and partnering opportunities between private and public entities.

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