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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-6-06

SPONSOR Campos LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Las Vegas Youth Commission SB 510

ANALYST Hadwiger

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SM22.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Public Education Department (PED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 510 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Local Government Division (LGD) of the Department of Finance and Administration (DFA) in FY07 for the Las Vegas Youth Commission and its statewide summit.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 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 explained that the Las Vegas Youth Commission (Commission) was created by ordinance in the City of Las Vegas to give youth—ages 12 to 18—a voice in government and to train them to

be the leaders. The Commission consists of 13 City Council appointed members from junior high schools and high schools within the city. The summit will train communities how to create their own Commission. The Commission is housed in a city building and the city also provides technical assistance for the group.

DFA added the Commission has been instrumental in establishing a skateboard park in the city, collaborating with city leaders to organize and then participate in a city-wide clean-up campaign, establishing working relationships among rival schools, and have made presentations before the city council on various topics, which affect the youth of the community. The Commission has also been recognized by UNM's Youth In Government Program as a model for the state to follow in creating other Commissions within the state.

PED elaborated the background, noting:

- The Las Vegas Youth Commission was established in 1998 with federal funding. The funding was discontinued in September 2005.
- The students of the Las Vegas Youth Commission are appointed by the Mayor and the City Council and represent both West Las Vegas and Robertson High Schools.
- Students attend meetings and discuss youth issues. They are also seen as a consulting body on youth issues in the city of Las Vegas.
- The Las Vegas Youth Commission model was taken from Greeley, Colorado. The Commission would like to train other cities on how to implement a similar initiative. A portion of the appropriated funding would go toward a statewide conference.

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The LGD would coordinate the administration of the program with the city of Las Vegas in the form of a grant agreement.

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