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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vaughn ORIGINAL DATE 1-23-07
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 81
SHORT TITLE State Cowboy Song SB _____
ANALYST Baca

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY07	FY08	FY09	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		\$0.1 - \$50.0			Non-Rec	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 81 declares a song written by Calvin Boles and R.D. Blankenship and entitled "New Mexico" to be the official state cowboy song subject to the state's acquisition of ownership and copyright of the song.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 81 contains no appropriation. Costs to obtain copyrights to the song are unknown and the dollar range of \$0.0 to \$50,000 may represent the amount needed to purchase rights to the song is the best guess. Expenses incurred to obtain rights to the song will be non-recurring and are expected to come from the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

If the song is adopted as the official New Mexico "Cowboy Song", it will join some of the other symbols used to represent the state, among which are the following: the state seal other state songs:

"O, FAIR NEW MEXICO" by Elizabeth Garrett

"ASI ES NUEVO MEJICO" by Amadeo Lucero

"LAND OF ENCHANTMENT," state ballad, by Michael Martin Murphy and others

"NEW MEXICO – MI LINDO NUEVO MEJICO" by Pablo Mares

"TO NEW MEXICO" – "A NUEVO MEJICO", state poem written by Luis Tafoya

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yucca, the state flower
pinon, the state tree
blue grama, the state grass
chaparral (roadrunner), the state bird
black bear, the state animal
chile and beans, the state vegetables
turquoise, the state gem
biscochito, the state cookie
State slogan: “EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY IN NEW MEXICO”

There are other state symbols not listed here, but all states adopt elements that are common to the area and which are used to represent the state and the pride citizens have in their social and physical environment

TECHNICAL ISSUES

Even if adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, rights to the song must still be purchased before it can be claimed as the official state “Cowboy Song”.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The state will not have an official “Cowboy song”.

QUESTIONS

1. If adopted as the state cowboy song, could rights to the song be donated to the state?
2. If adoption of a state cowboy song is desired, could a competition for such a song be held with the winner receiving a prize and rights to the song being donated to the state?

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