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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/10/2007

SPONSOR Stewart LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 837

SHORT TITLE Documentaries on Renewable Energy SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
\$280.0		Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Energy, Mineral and Natural Resources Department (EMNRD)  
Economic Development Department (EDD)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 837 appropriates \$280,000 from the general fund to the Economic Development Department for expenditure in FY07 and FY08 for the filming of documentaries on renewable energy projects in New Mexico.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$280,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

EDD states that there will be no major fiscal impacts other than that of the appropriation.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to EDD, these documentaries would be made at the five Film Technicians Training

Programs around the state, and the monies distributed accordingly. These schools are: SF Community College, CNM, NM College at El Rito, ENMU at Roswell and NMSU's Creative Media Institute/ Dona Ana Community College branch. Each film would focus on a different aspect of New Mexico's efforts to develop renewable energy, i.e. solar, biomass, etc

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

ENMRD notes that there are several existing renewable energy projects in New Mexico and educational and public outreach programs are needed that promote New Mexico in the growing renewable energy markets in wind, solar, biomass, and geothermal development. Documentary messages could communicate the benefits that renewable energy programs bring to the people of New Mexico and the state through economic development, the importance of these programs to energy security, and how these programs mitigate the effects of pollution and global climate change caused by greenhouse gases.

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