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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-13-2007

SPONSOR Varela LAST UPDATED _____ HB 949

SHORT TITLE New Deal 75th Anniversary SB _____

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$60.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 806

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (CAD)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 949 appropriates \$60 thousand from the general fund for expenditure in FY08 to department of Cultural Affairs for activities related to the commemoration of the seventy-fifth anniversary of President Franklin Delano Roosevelt's New Deal programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$60 thousand contained in House Bill 949 is a nonrecurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The 75th anniversary of the creation of the various New Deal programs under President Franklin Delano Roosevelt from 1933 to 1943 will be celebrated nationwide from March 31, 2008

through March 31, 2009. It is the Cultural Affairs department's understanding that funding identified in this bill would be used for planning and coordinating activities for the 75th anniversary of the New Deal programs with local, state and national organizations statewide to make certain that all agencies and communities will be involved in this important commemoration.

Laborers, Artists and others were employed by New Deal programs such as the Works Progress Administration (WPA) in the 1930's and would have otherwise been idle and impoverished. The accomplishments of this undertaking greatly expanded the country's federal infrastructure, public buildings and created a legacy of public arts projects.

The State of New Mexico, with its rural population, was particularly assisted through New Deal programs aimed at arts, crafts and grass-roots agricultural and livestock development efforts. Other New Deal undertakings around the State include the Elephant Butte Dam and hydro-electric plant, recreational structures at Bandelier National Monument and Carlsbad Caverns, and the Conchas Dam.

New Mexico is home to an extensive collection of Works Progress Administration artworks in its public buildings. Public buildings such as the Carrie Tingley hospital and others, in addition to post-offices and university buildings throughout the State contain artwork from during this period. Many of New Mexico's well-know artists such as Allen Houser and Pablita Velarde made significant contributions to public artworks during the period.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Public Education department states that the program implementation that would occur with the funding in House Bill 949 would support the implementation of the K-12 Social Studies Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Performance Standards as well as the K-12 Language Arts Content Standards, Benchmarks, and Performance Standards, and the K-12 Arts Standards.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Cultural Affairs department states that the necessary administrative infrastructure to implement this program is already in place.

DUPLICATION

House Bill 949 duplicates Senate Bill 806

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