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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/15/2007

SPONSOR W. Ken Martinez LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1005

SHORT TITLE Julian Samora Legacy Project SB _____

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$350.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1005 appropriates \$350,000 from the General Fund to the UNM Regents for expenditure in FY 2008 to support the Julian Samora Legacy Project, which is collaboration among the University of New Mexico, the University of Texas, Michigan State University and the University of Notre Dame to make the papers of Julian Samora more accessible for research.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Dr. Don Julian Samora was in the field of medical sociology. Early in his career he studied implications of traditional folk medicines for clinics and explored the ethnicity and the deliverance of health services. He later wrote reports, articles and books in efforts to make the Anglo society more aware of the importance of Spanish-speaking people. Some of his writings included The National Study of the Spanish Speaking People for the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and La Raza.

As professor of sociology at Michigan State University and then at the University of Notre Dame, Dr. Samora firmly established Mexican-American studies as an area of specialization. Dr. Samora co-founded the National Council of La Raza, one of the leading Hispanic organizations in the country, and served on many governmental and private boards and commissions, including the U. S. Commission on Civil Rights, the National Institute of Mental Health and the President's Commission on Rural Poverty. He edited *Nuestro*, the International Migration Review, and other journals. In 1989 Dr. Samora established the Julian Samora Research Institute at Michigan State University.

At Notre Dame he directed the Mexican Border Studies Project sponsored by the Ford Foundation. Among his many awards were the White House Hispanic Heritage Award (1985) and the Aguila Azteca medal (1991), which he received along with farm labor leader Cesar Chavez, from Mexico's then President, Carlos Salinas de Gortari.

Dr Samora passed away on February 2, 1996. He left behind three sons and tons of friends, colleagues and a new generation of scholars that will look over and carry on his work.

To honor his work, the Julian Samora Legacy Project was created by his colleagues, students, friends, and family to share his academic works and contributions with a new generation of students, scholars, and community leaders. The consortium of partners including UNM, University of Texas, University of Norte Dame, and Michigan State University, work collaboratively to develop, catalogue, and distribute material from the Julian Samora Archives to promote academic scholarship about Latinos in the US.

Appropriations will be used to continue the work to develop, catalogue and distribute material from the Julian Samora Archives to promote academic scholarship.

This request was not submitted by UNM to HED for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08.

ALTERNATIVES

The Higher Education Department suggests seeking other sources of funding such as federal grants to fund this initiative or determine if the institutions have existing funds available to help support this initiative.

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