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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/15/2007

SPONSOR Stapleton LAST UPDATED _____ HB 1172

SHORT TITLE UNM Senior Scholar African American Studies Program SB _____

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$125.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to: SB385, SB709, HB1170

Companion to: HB1105, HB1171, HB1173

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Department of Higher Education (HED)

NM Office of African American Affairs

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1172 appropriates \$125,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for a Senior Scholar at the Charlie Morrissey Research Hall in the African-American Studies Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$125,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Charlie Morrissey Research Hall was established in 1990 to respond to the research interests

and needs related to African Americans. The mission of the Research Hall is to become the southwest's best repository of documents about African American people of the southwest. The Research Hall's collections include rare books, rare manuscripts, rare magazines and other publications, old photographs, audio and video tapes, deeds and titles to lands, oral histories, and other archival artifacts that document the presence of Africans and African Americans in New Mexico specifically, and southwest in general.

The Charlie Morrissey Research Hall organizes public lectures and panel discussions to address the presence in and the contributions of Africans and African Americans to the southwest. Periodic exhibitions of rare photographs and artifacts are included in the activities of the hall.

The senior scholar in residence in the African American Program would remain in residence at UNM for two years with the option of extending their residency one additional year. The scholar would participate in the distinguished lecture series, conduct research, and teach classes in the African American Studies Program. The appropriation would be used to fund the Visiting Scholars in Residence program initiative and related activities.

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

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Companion bills are:

HB1105 appropriates \$190,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for the Charlie Morrissey Research Hall to repair and maintain existing archival facilities and display space, and provide base resources for faculty led student research focusing on the Black Diasporas at the national and international levels.

HB1171 appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for a Visiting Scholars in Residence program at the Charlie Morrissey Research Hall in the African-American Studies Program.

HB1173 appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 to build a core faculty in the African American Studies Program to expand the department, create distance learning coursework, conduct research, and support undergraduate and graduate students.

Relationship bills are:

SB385 appropriates \$25,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 to support the African-American Studies Program.

SB709 is a related bill that appropriates \$75,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for the African-American Student Services Program and operations.

HB1170 appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University

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of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 to bridge the achievement gap for African American high school students and first year students to prepare them for university course work and provide fellowships and assistantships and a distinguished lecture series in the African American Studies Program.

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