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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-13-2007

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SHORT TITLE Theater Training, Residency and Touring Program SB 610

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
\$200.0	*Please see narrative	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Cultural Affairs Department (DCA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 610 appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund for expenditure in FY07 and FY08 to department of Cultural Affairs to fund a theater touring, residency, and training program.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200 thousand contained in Senate Bill 610 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.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

If enacted, Senate Bill 610 would appropriate \$200 thousand for a theater touring, residency and training program. The agency response for information on this legislation did not include logistical information such as the location of the program, a service area, or a general overview.

The Cultural Affairs department maintains that arts and cultural programs produce a substantial economic impact to the State. A study conducted by the department specifies that:

“arts and cultural programming such as the initiatives funded through this legislation have broad economic and quality of life impact on New Mexico’s people and communities. In 2005, cultural organizations in New Mexico employed more than 43,000 people and paid more than \$500 million in payroll. The state’s varied cultural activities represent a \$2.8 billion industry. The theater programs outlined in this bill would be a strong investment in support of New Mexico’s crucial cultural industry.”

The methodology used in this study has not been analyzed for accuracy, however there is a clear link to the New Mexico economy and tourism, much of which is directly linked to arts and cultural programming.

### **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The department would be responsible for issuing a request for proposal (RFP) in conjunction with expenditure of the appropriation of Senate Bill 610.

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