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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/01/07

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SHORT TITLE Las Vegas Youth Commission SB 747

ANALYST Propst

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Finance and Administration (DFA)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 747 appropriates \$100.0 from the General Fund to DFA to support the Las Vegas Youth Commission in efforts to implement youth commissions statewide.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 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.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DFA reports that the Las Vegas Youth Commission (Commission) was established through the federal program "Communities that Care" in 1998. The Commission is made up of junior and high school students who are appointed by the Las Vegas City Council. The goal of the Commission is to train today's youth to be tomorrow's leader. The Commission is also a functioning Board of the City Council and meets when needed by the full Council.

In 2005, the Communities that Care Program lost its funding. With that loss, the Commission also lost its full time coordinator, and for the past year the students have been responsible for all aspects of the Commission. In 2006, the Commission did not receive Legislative funding but was able to continue with the little remaining funds they had from the Communities that Care Program. The Commission's planned State conference on youth and government was unable to happen due to lack of funding.

SB 747 would provide \$100.0 to the Commission to be used to plan and implement a statewide Youth and Government conference for the summer of 2007. The Commission hopes to draw from students all around the state to Las Vegas, NM to discuss how to involve the youth of New Mexico into local and state issues. A portion of the funding will be used to evaluate the progress of the Commission and to attempt to implement new programs in several communities around the state and monitor the effectiveness of these new programs.

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