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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Robinson ORIGINAL DATE 2/10/2007  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_  
SHORT TITLE Motion Picture Arts Training Program SB 808  
ANALYST Schuss

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 521

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 808 appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund to the Economic Development Department to develop a motion picture arts training program at the appropriate public post-secondary educational institution.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250,000 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.

EDD states that additional fiscal impacts have not been analyzed.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

According to HED, the film and media industry in New Mexico is burgeoning. In order to meet this demand, the New Mexico Film Office has been actively working to recruit film crews and employment opportunities throughout the state. In addition, Santa Fe Community College operates a Film Technicians' Training Program (FTTP) to train students. The FTTP provides hands-on, academic training to New Mexico residents interested in entering the film industry. The FTTP is a mobile statewide program, currently offered at four state colleges throughout New Mexico with plans to expand. After an introduction to the film industry, students choose a specific craft and work on actual short-form productions (public service announcements, commercials, etc.). The final semester is spent working on larger projects such as short films and independent films under the supervision of experienced crew members. The film program at Santa Fe Community College is an official component of the New Mexico Film Office Workforce Training and Development.

The goal is to expand the state's capabilities to train filmmakers in every aspect of film production.

SB808 is not on the priority projects list of HED funding recommendations for FY08.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

SB 808 duplicates SB 521, with one exception. SB 808 appropriates \$250,000 to EDD, and SB 521 appropriates \$250,000 to HED.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

SB 808 does not provide a specific breakdown of where and how these funds will be spent, other than the fact of creating a motion picture arts training program.

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