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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Garcia, M.J. LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE NMSU Adobe Preservation Field Schools SB 280

ANALYST Escudero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 280 appropriates \$200.0 from the general fund to New Mexico State University during FY09 to establish an adobe preservation field school in the Village of Doña Ana, Doña Ana County and at the university's agricultural field office in Alcalde, Rio Arriba County.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to DCA, the intent of this legislation is to develop a field school to teach traditional building skills in the making and repairing of adobe, and maintenance of adobe over time. Adobe buildings have stood the test of time in New Mexico, providing durable, affordable structures when well-built and maintained. This program can serve a broad constituency interested in the economics and craft of building with adobe.

The bill does not state what colleges or university program would initiate this new field school program. The university's agricultural field office in the community of Alcalde is under the College of Agriculture and Home Economics. The center (Sustainable Agriculture Science Center at Alcalde) is *dedicated to research on sustainable agriculture and related issues to benefit small family farms and ranches of north-central New Mexico*. Other potential collaborating entities in addition to New Mexico State University are a variety of not-profits, educational organizations, state and federal agencies.

The Doña Ana Village Historic District is listed on the State Register of Cultural Properties and the National Register of Historic Places. The National Register nomination is on file at the department's Historic Preservation Division. Because preservation statutes might apply to projects designed for public or private land, the need to consult with the Historic Preservation Division should be incorporated into the proposed adobe field school program.

Field School planners will need to consult with DCA's Historic Preservation Division to determine whether planned activities on state or private land must comply with existing statutes, including NM Cultural Properties Act, 18-6-1 through 17 NMSA 1978, the NM Cultural Properties Protection Act, 18-6A-1 through 6 NMSA 1978, and the NM Prehistoric and Historic Sites Preservation Act, 18-8-1 through 8 NMSA 1978. For any activities on federal land or if federal funds or permits are required for the work of the field school, project planners will consult with the Historic Preservation Division under 36 CFR 800.

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