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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/08

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Library Materials For Nm History Courses SB 451

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Appropriations and Finance Committee Substitute for House Bill 2

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 451 appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund to the Public Education Department to fund the purchase of collateral library materials for teaching New Mexico history to public school students.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The PED states:

This bill appropriates \$50.0 to the PED for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 to fund the purchase of collateral (additional) library materials for teaching New Mexico history to public school students. This appropriation does not specify the grade level at which these materials would be

designated and inasmuch as the New Mexico Social Studies Content Standards for New Mexico history are K-12, these funds could only minimally expand collections in the school libraries. There are 762 schools currently in New Mexico and this would be \$65.62 per school. Most school libraries (under HB 2) are funded by student membership. Using the formula it would be 15 cents per student.

Over the past seven years there has been an increase in expanding and upgrading library collections through the issuance of General Obligation Bonds in 2002, 2004, 2006 totaling \$12 million and a possible new one on the ballot in 2008. New Mexico public school libraries have also had special appropriations of \$1 million through the NM legislature. Also, school libraries do receive an annual allocation in HB2. In addition, in 2009, the PED will put out a call for Social Studies Instructional Materials and Library Reference Materials through a Request for Proposal that will allow schools to purchase New Mexico history materials within the general Social Studies call.

RELATIONSHIP

Relates to House Appropriations and Finance Committee Substitute for House Bill 2 which would appropriate \$2,000.0 to the School Library Material Fund.

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