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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

<b>SPONSOR</b>	<u>Campos</u>	<b>ORIGINAL DATE</b>	<u>02-01-08</u>	<b>HB</b>	<u></u>
		<b>LAST UPDATED</b>	<u></u>		
<b>SHORT TITLE</b>	<u>Las Vegas Youth Commission, In Recognition</u>	<b>SM</b>	<u>21</u>		
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### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Memorial 21 (SM 21) proposes recognition and endorsement of the Las Vegas Youth Commission as a model youth participation project in local government. The Senate resolves that the Las Vegas Youth Commission and its sponsor, the Las Vegas City Council, be recognized and endorsed for their accomplishments and for the example that the Commission sets as a positive youth development organization. Furthermore, the Senate concludes that the Las Vegas Youth Commission is encouraged to form a partnership with New Mexico Highlands University and the New Mexico Civic Engagement Project to host a statewide summit on the role of youth and local government and the establishment of a model youth commission as a tool for increasing youth involvement in civic affairs. Those youth boards, youth commissions and other organizations that participate and encourage the next generation to be come more involved in civic affairs and local and state government are to be viewed as an asset to the people and communities of New Mexico, to the future of the state, and to the development of more active and informed residents. Copies of this Memorial are to be transmitted to the Las Vegas Youth Commission.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SM 21 states that:

- The Las Vegas Youth Commission was formed in 1998 by the Las Vegas City Council to encourage young people to take a more active and constructive role in city government.
- The Las Vegas Youth Commission has acted as a powerful voice for young people in Las Vegas and San Miguel County.
- The Las Vegas Youth Commission functions as a chartered advisory group to the mayor, city council, city government employees and other commissions and committees on all matters affecting young people.
- The Las Vegas Youth Commission deals with issues as diverse as building a healthier community, combating violence, conducting public forums and developing substance abuse programming, as well as historic preservation, city regulation of scooters, roller

skates and skateboards, underage drinking and litter.

- The Las Vegas Youth Commission has been recognized nationally for its performance by the Communities that Care Program as one of the nation's outstanding youth projects and, more recently, by the New Mexico civic engagement project as one New Mexico's most outstanding youth civic organizations.
- The Las Vegas Youth Commission has a proven track record of developing young leaders, inspiring youth to become more involved in their community and improving the quality of community life in Las Vegas and the surrounding area.

**WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL**

The consequences on not enacting this bill will result in a lack of recognition and endorsement for the Las Vegas Youth Commission as a model participation project in local government.

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