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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/28/09

SPONSOR Miera LAST UPDATED _____ HB 138

SHORT TITLE Statewide Mariachi & Ballet Folklorico SB _____

ANALYST Haug

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

University of New Mexico (UNM)
Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 138 appropriates \$200.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the Higher Education Department to provide mariachi and ballet folklorico instruction, create and tour a mariachi hall of fame and enhance the University of New Mexico's Mariachi Program.

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 Fiscal Year 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED's FY10 Institutional Funding Requests table does not include this request as being reviewed by the HED. It is not included in the HED's funding recommendation for FY10.

The LFC Appropriation Recommendations, Volume II, pages 364-365 states:

The committee has concerns about the growth of research and public service projects within the higher education budget, as well as the alignment of these projects with state goals and strategic plans. The committee also continues to have significant concerns about accountability and performance outcomes for these projects.

The committee recommendation reduces funding included in the HED request by varying levels from FY09 funding amounts for research projects, public service projects and P-20 pipeline projects focusing on students.

With respect to special projects, higher education institutions advanced 114 proposals for new projects and expansions at a total general fund cost of \$54 million during the HED budget request process in fall 2008.

According to the December 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$293 million, or 2.6 percent, less than the FY09 appropriation. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

The Executive Budget in Brief notes that over the years more than 300 RPSPs have been created, accounting for a large portion of institution budgets. The current RPSPs were reviewed while considering the relevance of the project to the core mission of the institution, the community benefit and the outcomes associated with each project. (Budget in Brief and Policy Highlights, P 9-10.)

UNM states that House Bill 138 for the statewide mariachi and ballet folklórico is education and cultural and has four components including: summer classroom instruction at UNM for public school students, after school “Mariachi Academy” Program for public school students, a statewide traveling exhibit from the Mariachi Hall of Fame, enhancement of UNM’s mariachi and support of other statewide mariachi groups.

The DCA notes that New Mexico has a rich history and tradition in mariachi music and folklórico dancing. Participants in the program will help to keep the tradition alive and provide an avenue for New Mexicans to hear and view this art form.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

House Bill 138 would make the appropriation to UNM for the Higher Education Department to provide the program specified in the bill. There is no Higher Education Department at UNM.

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