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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/2/09

SPONSOR Vaughn LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 389

SHORT TITLE State Cowboy Song SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Hoffmann

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	See Narrative		

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 389 declares a song titled “Under New Mexico Skies,” with words and music written by Syd Masters to be the official state cowboy song subject to the state's acquisition of ownership and copyright of the song.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB 232 contains no appropriation. Costs to obtain copyrights to the song are unknown and the dollar range of \$0.0 to \$50,000 (from an estimate for a prior proposal declaring an official state cowboy song) **may** represent the amount needed to purchase rights to the song. Expenses incurred to obtain rights to the song will be non-recurring and would be expected to come from the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

If the song is adopted as the official New Mexico “Cowboy Song”, it will join some of the other symbols used to represent the state, among which are the following.

- the state seal
- other state songs:
  - “O, FAIR NEW MEXICO” by Elizabeth Garrett

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- “ASI ES NUEVO MEJICO” by Amadeo Lucero
  - “LAND OF ENCHANTMENT,” state ballad, by Michael Martin Murphy and others
  - “NEW MEXICO – MI LINDO NUEVO MEJICO” by Pablo Mares
  - “TO NEW MEXICO” – “A NUEVO MEJICO”, state poem written by Luis Tafoya
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- Yucca, the state flower
  - Pinon, the state tree
  - Blue Grama, the state grass
  - Chaparral (roadrunner), the state bird
  - Black Bear, the state animal
  - Chile and Beans, the state vegetables
  - Turquoise, the state gem
  - Biscochito, the state cookie
  - State slogan: “EVERYBODY IS SOMEBODY IN NEW MEXICO”

There are other state symbols not listed here, but all states adopt elements that are common to the area and which are used to represent the state and the pride citizens have in their social and physical environment

### **TECHNICAL ISSUES**

Even if adopted by the Legislature and signed by the Governor, rights to the song must still be purchased before it can be claimed as the official state “Cowboy Song”.

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

The state will not have an official “Cowboy song”.

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