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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/24/09

SPONSOR Barreras LAST UPDATED _____ HB 738

SHORT TITLE Hispanic Center Domenici Education Center SB _____

ANALYST Varela

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$80.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 738 appropriates \$80 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) to operate and maintain the Domenici Education Center at the National Hispanic Cultural Center. This bill declares an emergency.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$80 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

According to the February 2009 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$575 million less than the FY09 appropriations before the 2009 solvency reductions. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The National Hispanic Cultural Center (NHCC) completed construction of the Domenici Education Center building. This bill allows the NHCC to open the building to the public. This

enables the NHCC's education department to enhance the programs that it conducts throughout the year for more than 24,000 school aged students.

Opening the Education Center will increase the operating budget of the NHCC. The 25,000 square foot building will increase the utilities, cleaning and security requirements at the NHCC.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The DCA has as one its key goals the delivery of quality educational programs, education materials and statewide outreach to supplement school curricula and enhance lifelong learning. The department measures the number of participants at on-site educational, outreach and special events.

If enacted, the department should consider increasing associated performance measures.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This relates to the LFC level of recommended funding for the Museums and Monuments program of the Department of Cultural Affairs.

This bill relates to SB 518.

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