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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 3/9/19

SPONSOR Trujillo, J LAST UPDATED _____ HM 47

SHORT TITLE Los Luceros as World Heritage Site SB _____

ANALYST Martinez

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	NFI		

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Memorial

House Memorial 47 requests that the Cultural Affairs Department study the feasibility of submitting an application to the United Nations educational, scientific and cultural organization for the inclusion of Los Luceros as a future world heritage site in anticipation of the United States rejoining the United Nations educational, scientific and cultural organization.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HM47 will initially not have an impact on the Cultural Affairs Department. The application can be submitted by current staff, within current job description duties. If Los Luceros does become a world heritage site, the operating budget of the department will be positively impacted, assuming attendance to the site will have a significant increase.

HM47 states Los Luceros could have the potential of attracting 100 thousand visitors a year, at an estimated \$10 entry fee per visitor, could generate an income of \$1 million a year. A revenue of that amount would be a significant increase to help maintain the site and cover operating costs, as well as provide funding for educational programs.

The Los Luceros Historic Site currently has a free entry.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The centerpiece of the historic Los Luceros ranch complex is a 5,700 square-foot, 18th century territorial-style adobe home renovated by the Cabot Foundation in 2004 and is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. The property also includes a visitor's center, director's residence, and a small gallery. In addition to the hacienda and the visitor center complex, the property contains three residences, an 18th century chapel, the original village jail, numerous farm buildings, apple orchards, irrigated pasture, and bosque on the Rio Grande.

The Department of Cultural Affairs, which purchased the Los Luceros property from the family of Frank and Ann Cabot in 2008, is the state's cultural steward and is working to ensure the site's preservation and integrity in perpetuity. The department's intent is to bring together historic preservation, filmmaking education and training, and agricultural and environmental interests. Los Luceros is currently – and will continue to be – used as a cultural destination with interpretative exhibits and public access; as a retreat center for workshops and seminars related to New Mexico's film industry; and for crop-growing and environmental studies programs.

A recently completed master plan for the property will be the blueprint as the Department of Cultural Affairs increasingly – and responsibly – opens up the Los Luceros property for more and more public access.

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