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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Garcia DATE TYPED: 01/24/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: NMSU At-Risk Student Outreach Program SB 31
 ANALYST: Gilbert

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 337.1			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 New Mexico State Department of Education (SDE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 31 appropriates \$237.1 to New Mexico State University (NMSU) for the Office of Chicano Programs to collaborate with high schools and middle schools in recruitment and retention of at-risk Hispanic students through mentoring and counseling.

Significant Issues

According to the SDE, mentoring and counseling programs are part of public school safe schools plans. However, all schools do not include this program in their plans. In addition, such programs do not generally target specific populations (i.e. at-risk Hispanic youth).

All New Mexico higher education institutions were asked to provide to the CHE with an overall priority listing of all new and expansion research and public service project requests. NMSU provided a categorical priority list. The NMSU board of Regents ranked this request as a priority category. The CHE did not fund for this program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$237.1 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY02 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 19 duplicates this bill.

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