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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 170

SHORT TITLE: UNM Basic Needs Project

SPONSOR: Anaya

LAST ORIGINAL
UPDATE: _____ **DATE:** 1/30/26 **ANALYST:** Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$1,400.0	Recurring	General Fund

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis

Higher Education Department

University of New Mexico

SUMMARY

Synopsis of House Bill 170

House Bill 170 (HB170) appropriates \$1.4 million from the general fund to the University of New Mexico (UNM) for the purpose of supporting the basic needs project.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.4 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Higher Education Department notes that UNM did not submit this request for consideration for incorporation into the HED funding recommendation. The UNM budget as approved by the House Appropriations and Finance Committee includes \$1.6 million for student support

programs at UNM. Funding from this source may be used for student support programs at the discretion of the university.

UNM reports:

The \$1.4 million this bill would provide would put menstrual products in every restroom on UNM's campus, keep the food pantry stocked, provide legal help so students can stay focused on school, offer emergency housing assistance when students struggle to pay rent, and ensure safe transportation across campus, along with safe locations for food pickup.

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