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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: House Bill 236
SHORT TITLE: UNM Pathways Statewide Collaborative Program
SPONSOR: Gonzales/Herndon/Gurrola
LAST UPDATE: _____ **ORIGINAL DATE:** 2/6/26 **ANALYST:** Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$2,000.0	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 236

House Bill 236 (HB236) appropriates \$2 million from the general fund to the University of New Mexico to support the Health Professionals Pathways Program at the Health Sciences Center.

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 \$2 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

UNM reports:

Collectively, the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center maintains a comprehensive and coordinated set of pathway programs designed to prepare and support

prospective and current students for health professional careers. These programs include, but are not limited to, Communities to Careers, ENLACE New Mexico, the Pathways Statewide Collaborative, the Center for Native American Health, Honoring Native Life, and UNM's combined BA/MD program. ... These initiatives emphasize early exposure to health careers, academic preparation and advising, mentoring, leadership development, community and family engagement, culturally responsive support, and sustained persistence through postsecondary and professional training.

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