

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SB 55

51st Legislature, 1st Session, 2013

Tracking Number: .190567.1

Short Title: UNM Architecture School Community Outreach

Sponsor(s): Senator Sue Wilson Beffort

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Bill Summary:

SB 55 makes an appropriation to expand the community outreach activities of the Design and Planning Assistance Center (DPAC) at the University of New Mexico (UNM) School of Architecture and Planning (SAP).

Fiscal Impact:

\$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of UNM for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Fiscal Issues:

According to the UNM bill analysis, the appropriation in SB 55 is a nonrecurring expense and no additional state funding is requested or anticipated.

Substantive Issues:

The UNM bill analysis states SB 55 will support sustainable economic development by enabling DPAC to work directly with community members to appreciate local culture, assess community assets, and analyze design and planning needs.

Background:

The UNM bill analysis reports that DPAC:

- was founded over 40 years ago within SAP to deliver design and planning services to low-income communities statewide;
- students and faculty have redirected their focus to projects in small towns and rural and frontier communities;
- has had positive impacts on economic and design development projects in many New Mexico communities since 1969; and
- outreach efforts have resulted in identifying critical community infrastructure needs, launching economic investment activities, discovering business potentials and incubation, as well as establishing community development corporations.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

None as of 2/3/2013