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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/20

SPONSOR Padilla LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Project ECHO Program Funding SB 14

ANALYST Gelay/Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY20	FY21		
	\$1,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Higher Education Department

University of New Mexico (UNM) Health Sciences Center (HSC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 14 appropriates \$1 million from the general fund to University of New Mexico's Health Science Center to increase funding for Project ECHO (Extension for Community Healthcare Outcomes) Health Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

According to HED, Project ECHO's annual operating budget is \$18 million, which includes \$2.2 million from state general fund appropriations. The requested funding in SB14 will allow Project ECHO to continue to address its mission, which is improve health outcomes for rural and underserved New Mexicans.

Project ECHO is a program within the UNM HSC School of Medicine.

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The appropriation of \$1 million thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY21 shall not revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Since its inception in 2003, Project ECHO has grown substantially. Initially, this program worked with hepatitis C patients throughout the state. The model incorporates a virtual mentoring platform which increases access to specialty treatment in rural and underserved areas by providing local clinicians with the knowledge and support they need to manage patients with complex conditions such as: hepatitis C, HIV, tuberculosis, chronic pain, endocrinology, behavioral health disorders, and many others. The model allows for local clinicians the ability to engage in a continuous learning system by partnering them with specialist mentors at an academic medical center or hub.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SB14 does not contain performance measures.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill 14 also makes an appropriation to Project ECHO for \$1 million in addition to its current budget funding from state general fund.

	<u>FY20</u>	<u>LFC FY21 Rec</u>
Project Echo Budget:	\$ 2,256,000	\$ 2,256,000
Senate Bill 14		Adds \$ 1,000,000

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