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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Hickey LAST UPDATED _____
ORIGINAL DATE 1/22/24
SHORT TITLE UNM Dept. of Health Faculty BILL NUMBER Senate Bill 74
ANALYST Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY24	FY25	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$22,800.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From
University of New Mexico (UNM)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 74

Senate Bill 74 (SB74) appropriates \$22.8 million from the general fund to the University of New Mexico (UNM) for the purpose of development and faculty hiring for the school of public health. SB74 states that no more than \$5.7 million shall be spent in a single fiscal year.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, or May 15, 2024, if enacted.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$22.8 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY28 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Legislature made two special appropriations to the School of Public Health: \$10 million in FY23 and \$2.5 million in FY24. The funding was used to hire additional faculty and staff; the

school was able to go from 75.6 faculty and staff in FY22 to 97.9 faculty and staff in FY24 and anticipates reaching 110.9 faculty and staff in FY27. However, recurring funding has yet to be secured by the program and the school anticipates a deficit of \$1.5 million by the end of FY25 and deficits of \$5.7 million per year in FY26 and FY27.

UNM reports the program received non-state funding totaling \$4.4 million in FY23 from sources including tuition, grants, and other institutional funds. This funding is anticipated to grow to \$7 million by FY27, but non-state funding sources are not sufficient to pay increased program costs.

UNM expects enrollment to grow steadily from FY25 to FY27 and for the program to award its first Ph.D. in FY27 as shown in the tables below:

Headcount Enrollment				
	Undergrad	Master's	Ph. D.	Total Enrollment
FY22	143	65	0	208
FY23	122	56	3	181
FY24 proj.	128	66	9	203
FY25 proj.	177	61	19	257
FY26 proj.	254	66	29	349
FY27 proj.	320	71	39	430

Awards by Type				
	Undergrad	Master's	Ph. D.	Total Awards
FY22	42	33	0	75
FY23	36	31	0	67
FY24 proj.	27	25	0	52
FY25 proj.	20	27	0	47
FY26 proj.	57	31	0	88
FY27 proj.	74	31	2	107

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