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### FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Godbey	DATE TYPED:	01/31/00	HB	106
SHORT TITLE:	Office of the State Medical Investigator			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 373.7			Rec	GF

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB2, SB2

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$373.7 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University New Mexico to support the Office of the State Medical Investigator (OMI). This bill carries an emergency clause.

### Significant Issues

According to the CHE, in recent years, operating costs for the OMI have increased, creating a deficit in the program. The funding proposed in this bill would be used to cover the increased costs of autopsy service supplies and for information management equipment used to document and track OMI's caseload.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$373.7 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund for expenditure in fiscal years 2000 and 2001. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

## **CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP**

This bill relates to House Bill 2 and Senate Bill 2 which contains base funding for this program.

## **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The CHE recommends that the following language be included for all new recurring higher education programs: "The institution receiving the special appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the LFC and the CHE by August 1, 2003 detailing the benefits to the State from having this program

implemented for a three-year period."

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