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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Picraux	DATE TYPED:	01/31/00	HB	182
SHORT TITLE:	Children's Cancer Program at UNM			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 321.3			Rec	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB2, SB2

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARYSynopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$321.3 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University New Mexico for the pediatric oncology program at the Health Sciences Center. This bill carries an emergency clause.

Significant Issues

According to the CHE, this funding will allow the program to provide more community-based services, including follow-up clinical care of patients as well as educational materials and consultation services to local providers. In addition, it will allow the program to enroll children in clinical trials, bringing new treatments to children with cancer.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$321.3 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

This funding will be used to add two physicians and one nurse practitioner to the Pediatric Oncology multi-disciplinary team.

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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