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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Garcia, M.H.		DATE TY	PED: 02/15/01	HB	388		
SHORT TITLE: NMSU Dental Au Program		Auxiliary Caree	uxiliary Career Ladder				
			ANA	LYST:	Fernandez		
		<u>APP</u> 1	ROPRIATION				
Appropriation Contained		Estimated	Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring	Fund	
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		or Non-Rec	Affected	

Recurring

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(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

156.5

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Rei	lates	to	SB1	49

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 388 appropriates \$156.5 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to support the dental auxiliary career ladder education program at the Dona Ana Branch.

Significant Issues

In 1997, as a response to the dental health professional community, the CHE formed a task force to address concerns for additional oral health personnel in New Mexico and the need for a career ladder model for dental education.

Since 1997, two-year institutions throughout the state have undertaken coordinated curriculum planning and infrastructure development to support dental assisting and dental hygiene training programs. CHE notes that dental education programs generate funding through the higher education funding formula.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$156.5 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.

The appropriation in FY01 for this program is \$50.0. It should be noted, the Dona Ana Branch did not request continuation funding for the dental hygiene program in FY02.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

Relates to SB149 which appropriates \$456.5 to various institutions to support dental auxiliary career ladder education. Of the \$456.5, \$156.5 is appropriated to the Board of Regents at NMSU for the dental auxiliary program. SB149 is supported by the Legislative Health and Human Services Committee.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The following is provided for information only, it is not intended as a commentary on the merits of the program.

According to CHE, this project was not submitted by NMSU Board of Regents to CHE for funding consideration.

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