

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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