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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Picraux DATE TYPED: 02/03/02 HB 320

SHORT TITLE: Experimental Program For Competitive Research SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST: Gilbert

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$ 3,000.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Response Received

Economic Development Department (EDD)

New Mexico Commission for Higher Education (CHE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 320 appropriates \$3.0 million to the New Mexico Commission on Higher Education (NMCHE) to match federal funds for New Mexico's investigational program to stimulate competitive research.

#### Significant Issues

In 2001, New Mexico became eligible to apply for funding from the National Science Foundation's Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). This is a joint project between the National Science Foundation (NSF) and several U.S. states. EPSCoR operates on the principle that aiding researchers and institutions in securing federal research and development funding will develop a state's research infrastructure and advance the state's economic growth. Their goal is to maximize the potential of a state's existing science and technology resources and use those resources as a foundation for economic growth. In order to qualify for EPSCoR funds, states must be willing to commit matching funds and the required match for participation is 50%.

According to the Economic Development Department (EDD), the initial focus of the EPSCoR program in New Mexico will relate to natural resources and nanotechnology. Additionally, another goal of EPSCoR is to tie the state's smaller 4-year universities to the larger research institutions and to the federal labs.

Participating institutions in New Mexico include Eastern New Mexico University, Western New Mexico University, University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, New Mexico Tech, New Mexico Highlands University, Sandia National Laboratories, and Los Alamos National Laboratory.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$3.0 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2003 shall revert to the general fund.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

This program was not presented to the Commission on Higher Education for funding consideration.

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Attachment

PROGRAM COST GENERATED BY ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS  
 IF ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLS WERE ELIGIBLE FOR SIZE ADJUSTMENT  
 BASED ON 2001-2002 40 DAY MEMBERSHIP AND THE 2001-2002 UNIT VALUE

DISTRICT	SCHOOL	SIZE MEMBERSHIP*	UNITS GENERATED	PROGRAM COST \$2,868.72
ALAMOGORDO	ACADEMY DEL SOL ALT.	198	159.984	\$458,949
ALBUQUERQUE	ALBUQUERQUE EVENING	209	159.676	\$458,066
ALBUQUERQUE	CAREER ENRICHMENT	39	62.790	\$180,127
ALBUQUERQUE	FREEDOM HIGH	223	157.884	\$452,925
ALBUQUERQUE	NEW FUTURES SCHOOL	221	158.236	\$453,935
ALBUQUERQUE	SCHOOL ON WHEELS	212	159.424	\$457,343
ALBUQUERQUE	SIERRA ALTERNATIVE	98	118.384	\$339,611
AZTEC	VISTA NUEVA ALT. HS	38	61.560	\$176,598
BELEN	BELEN ALTERNATIVE	30	51.000	\$146,305
BLOOMFIELD	CHARLEY BROWN	50	75.000	\$215,154
CENTRAL CONS.	CAREER PREP HS	120	134.400	\$385,556
FARMINGTON	ROCNANTE HIGH SCHL	211	159.516	\$457,607
GALLUP	GALLUP CENTRAL HIGH	320	102.400	\$293,757
HOBBBS	ALTERNATIVE HIGH	99	119.196	\$341,940
HOUSE	THE LEARNING CENTER	76	98.496	\$282,557
IASCRUCES	SAN ANDRES HIGH	212	159.424	\$457,343
LOSILUNAS	CENTURY HIGH SCHOOL	76	98.496	\$282,557
LOVINGTON	NEW HOPE ALTERNATIVE HIGH	41	65.190	\$187,012
PORTALES	BROAD HORIZONS ALT	127	138.684	\$397,846
RD RANCHO	RD RANCHO ALT. SCHOOL	196	159.936	\$458,812
ROSWELL	UNIVERSITY HIGH	203	159.964	\$458,892
SANTA FE	CAREER ACADEMY	181	158.556	\$454,853
TRUTH OR CONS.	GERONIMO TRAILS ALT.	40	64.000	\$183,598
TUCUMCARI	ESPERANZA HIGH SCH	27	46.710	\$133,998
TOTAL		3,247	2,828.906	\$8,115,339

\*Membership for size adjustment does not include students receiving C- or D-level special education services.