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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Lopez DATE TYPED: 01/31/02 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Corrine Wolfe Children's Law Center SB 299

ANALYST: Baca

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$200.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
Administrative Office of the Courts (AOC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 299 appropriates \$200.0 to the University of New Mexico (UNM) from the General Fund for the operating expenses of the Corrine Wolfe Children's Law Center, which operates within the Institute of Public Law at the UNM Law School.

Significant Issues

Senate Bill 299, in addition to providing for the operating expenses for salaries and benefits for a director, a staff attorney and administrative support staff will support the provision of training, technical assistance, research assistance and information dissemination in the areas of child abuse and neglect and juvenile justice. The Corinne Wolfe Children's Law Center will also provide services to volunteers, attorneys, and professionals who work with the child abuse/neglect and juvenile justice system and who are not employed by the judicial branch of government.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of 200.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY2003 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The following is provided for information only. It is not intended as commentary on the merits of the bill:

This project was not included in the UNM Board of Regent's legislative request. Consequently, it was not reviewed nor recommended by the CHE.

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