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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Coll DATE TYPED: 2/18/03 HB 801

SHORT TITLE: UNM Wild Friends Program SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained |        | Estimated Additional Impact |      | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|-------------------------|--------|-----------------------------|------|----------------------|---------------|
| FY03                    | FY04   | FY03                        | FY04 |                      |               |
|                         | \$71.5 |                             |      | Recurring            | GF            |

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Identical to SB 207, UNM Wild Friends Program

Relates to Appropriation for the University of New Mexico in the General Appropriation Act

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 801 appropriates \$71.5 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) to increase the funding for the Wild Friends Program to \$125.0.

#### Significant Issues

A request for \$71,500 was not included in the research and public service programs (RPSP) expansion proposal to the UNM Board of Regents, and thus was not included in the list of priority projects submitted by UNM to CHE for review.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$71.5 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the

general fund.

**TECHNICAL ISSUES**

The bill appropriates funding for the Wild Friends program. However, the CHE “final recommendations” booklet lists the program as Wild Life Education.

**AMENDMENTS**

The CHE suggests adding the following language for all new recurring higher education programs (assuming that funding will continue beyond 2003-2004):

“A plan for a program evaluation, including specific program goals and criteria for assessing program effectiveness, shall be submitted to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on Higher Education by October 1, 2004. An assessment of the program will be completed prior to June 30, 2005, and submitted to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on Higher Education

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