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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Beam DATE TYPED 2/3/05 HB 113
 SHORT TITLE UNM Health Sciences Technology Services SB _____
 ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$660.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the appropriation for the University of New Mexico in the General Appropriations Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 113 – Making an Appropriation to the University of New Mexico to Enhance the New Mexico Health Sciences Center Library and to Support Information Technology Services – appropriates \$660,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in FY06 to enhance the New Mexico Health Sciences Center library and to support maintenance of information technology services. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Library and Informatics Center seeks to improve and enhance human health through support, innovation, and leadership in the organization, delivery and use of quality information. It also seeks to create an environment that fosters the development and sharing of knowledge for the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center and its partners.

CHE indicates this request was not in the list of priority projects submitted by the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center to CHE for review. Accordingly, the request was not included in the commission's funding recommendation for FY06.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$660,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center will retain oversight of this program.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to the appropriation for the University of New Mexico in the General Appropriations Act.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

CHE suggests that language should be considered indicating that the University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center should submit a plan for program evaluation, including specific program goals and criteria for assessing program effectiveness to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on Higher Education by October 1, 2005. The institution should also submit a program evaluation to the Legislative Finance Committee and the CHE by June 30, 2008 detailing the benefits to the State of New Mexico from having this program implemented for a three-year period.

CHE additionally notes that CHE is committed to the adequate and equitable support of necessary instructional, student services, and academic support initiatives for all students in New Mexico. Activities to be funded in this proposal are currently recommended for funding through the Instruction and General (I&G) higher education funding formula within the General Appropriation Act. Funding of this program without consideration of similar needs at all institutions could weaken the equitability and thus the integrity of the I&G formula.

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