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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Vigil DATE TYPED 02/26/05 HB 941

SHORT TITLE Highlands Native American & Hispanic Students SB _____

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
\$652.2				Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

Duplicates SB739

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 941 – Making an Appropriation to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for Access and Retention Programs for Native American and Hispanic Students – appropriates \$652,194 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for expenditure in FY06 for Native American and Hispanic student access and retention programs at New Mexico Highlands University. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

CHE indicates that this legislation is an expansion request to the current Native American Access and Retention Program funded within the overall general fund recommendation for Research and Public Service Projects at New Mexico Highlands University that presently supports solely Na-

tive American students.

CHE adds that this request was approved by New Mexico Highlands University Board of Regents in the amount of \$52,194 – an increase of \$8,394 over FY05 – that was submitted to the commission for review. While the program was not recommended for expansion by the CHE at this time; the commission did recommend FY06 recurring funding at the FY05 level of \$43,800.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$652,194 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

New Mexico Highlands University will retain oversight of this appropriation.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

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

Duplicates SB739 in that SB739 also seeks to appropriate appropriates \$652,194 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University for expenditure in FY06 for Native American and Hispanic student access and retention programs at New Mexico Highlands University.

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