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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Gardner DATE TYPED 02-25-05 HB 953

SHORT TITLE ENMU Athletic Training Degree Program SB _____

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$75.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Response Received From

New Mexico Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 953 – Making an Appropriation to Eastern New Mexico University for a Bachelor’s Degree Program in Athletic Training – appropriates \$75,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University for expenditure in FY06 for the operation of a bachelor's degree program in athletic training. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

The National Athletic Trainer’s Association indicates that athletic training continues to grow as a profession, and that as society notes the importance of health for all people, certified athletic trainers are finding their skills and qualifications as allied health professionals can be utilized in many fields. Accordingly, beyond the traditional job settings of colleges and secondary schools, athletic trainers have emerged in clinics, offices and even industrial settings.

The athletic training program at Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) fully supports all athletes for injuries and rehabilitation and, in 1997, the university built new training facilities. The athletic training facilities now include a separate room for whirlpool baths and ice machines, and the facility has the capability of treating over 350 student athletes and includes an area for rehabilitation exercises.

Currently, ENMU athletic training is not a curriculum program. This legislation seeks to expand the curriculum to the bachelor's degree program level.

This project is not included in the *CHE 2005-2006 Higher Education Funding Recommendation*.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75,000 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

Eastern New Mexico University will retain oversight of this appropriation.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

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

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