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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SPONSOR Altamirano

SHORT TITLE ENMU Records Conversion & Preservation SB 665

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO)

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 665 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for equipment conversion and the preservation and storage of certain written and electronic records of historic significance that will be made a permanent part of the university records and available to the public.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This proposal was not submitted to the Higher Education Department through Research, Public Service, and Special Program requests by ENMU. This request was not included in the Department's funding recommendation for fiscal year 2007.

According to the Higher Education Department, this bill provides funding to hire at least one FTE, purchase equipment, storage, and preservation materials of the archived news career and programs of the legendary "Capital Reports" commentator Ernie Mills. ENMU, with their KENW station and equipment, will provide the source to record and archive these records as permanent, and make them accessible to the public.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to the Higher Education Department, the project will be administered and managed by ENMU radio and news station KENW.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

The Public Records Act (Chapter 14, Article 3 NMSA 1978) may affect the activity proposed by this bill.

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