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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/2007

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED _____ HB 412

SHORT TITLE Luna Community College Youth Program SB _____

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$59.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 412 appropriates \$59,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 2008 for the Youth College Program at Luna Community College, including participation fees, transportation, student learning kits, instructional supplies, and post-program evaluations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$59,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Luna Community College works with local high schools to provide after-school and summer enrichment programs for underrepresented and disadvantaged youth. The College has been coordinating the summer youth enrichment program for nine years. The Youth College program offers two three-week residential programs to junior high school students in grades 6 through 9 from Las Vegas and surrounding communities.

Luna CC collaborates with New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) where the students are housed. LCC develops and implements the curriculum that includes general information on admission, financial aid, academics and social experiences on a college campus. The program impacts over 300 students each summer, has proven to be highly successful and has become an expectation of the community (PED Analysis).

The Higher Education Department lists course offerings including language arts, math, science, computers, health and wellness, career exploration, and arts. Support services are offered in the form of counseling, advisement, and tutoring. According to HED, a representative from LCC indicated that math, science, and English are emphasized in the program. The request includes funding for participation fees, transportation, student learning kits, instruction supplies, and post-program evaluations. HED estimates indicate that between 50 and 80 students participate each summer.

This request was not submitted by LCC to HED for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. PED reports 300 students: HED reports 50 to 60. How many students participate each summer?
2. Should the appropriation go directly to LCC instead of being channeled through the Higher Education Department?

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