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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/14/07

SPONSOR Harrison LAST UPDATED _____ HB 805

SHORT TITLE UNM Gallup Industrial Technician Program SB _____

ANALYST Leger

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$250.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 805 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the board of regents of the University of New Mexico for the purpose of providing equipment for phase two of the maintenance and industrial technician program at UNM Gallup.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The appropriation within HB 805 would complete phase two – the purchase of more equipment for the Maintenance and Industrial Technician Program. The program was started when a representative of UNM-Gallup was approached by Giant Refinery Plant a year and a half ago. HED reports the plant expressed their need for skilled employees with associate’s degrees to work at the plant. UNM-Gallup began working with their Industry Advisory Council to address

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the workforce need. The group used approximately \$250 thousand from the Technical High School appropriation to purchase equipment to establish the Maintenance and Industrial Technician Program. Currently there are inquiries from 85 potential students interested in the program.

The proposal was not submitted to the New Mexico Higher Education Department by UNM-Gallup and was not included in the department's funding recommendation for FY08.

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