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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Hanosh ORIGINAL DATE 2/16/2007
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 952
SHORT TITLE NMSU GRANTS DEGREE IN FINE ARTS SB _____
ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$191.5	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Nm Department of Higher Education (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 952 appropriates \$191,500 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) to establish an Associates of Arts degree in Fine Arts.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$191,500 contained in this bill is a recurring 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 primary purpose for this act is to offer a full program leading to an Associate's of Arts degree in Fine Arts at the NMSU-Grants campus. While an arts program currently exists on the campus there is no faculty fully devoted to the specific areas of concentration within the department and very limited space and resources available to fully implement the program.

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The remodeling of an existing building on campus is scheduled to begin in May and will provide the space for a broader range of courses and activities. The new space will include offices and two art studio spaces. This appropriation would enhance and expand the underdeveloped program by providing funds to hire staff, buy supplies and equipment, and administer a full program that includes concentrations in studio arts, theater, creative media and creative writing, and music.

This request was on the list of priority projects submitted by NMSU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for review and was not included in the Department's funding recommendations for FY08. However, in FY07 there is recurring funding in the amount of \$2,868,000 set in place for this program.

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