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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/15/2007

SPONSOR T Garcia LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 1047

SHORT TITLE Luna College Softball Program SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$145.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 1048.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1047 appropriates \$145,000 from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 2008 to fund a softball program at Luna Community College.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$145,000 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

The National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) indicates that Luna Community College, an NJCAA member, is one of 391 junior colleges with a men's baseball program. The NJCAA lists 348 institutions with women's fast-pitch softball programs, none in New Mexico.

The Higher Education Department raises the issue of gender equity and suggests that a “woman's team sport, such as a softball program, may be needed in order to comply with Title IX.”

The NJCAA (njcaa.org) believes in the value of equitable participation and treatment of men and women in intercollegiate athletics and through its structure, programs, legislation and policies will promote these values. The NJCAA will act to encourage its member institutions to assure equity in the quantity and quality of participation in women's athletics through its programs. The NJCAA stands with other athletic organizations in believing - at an institutional level, gender equity in intercollegiate athletics describes an environment in which fair and equitable distribution of overall athletic opportunities, benefits and resources is available to women and men and in which student-athletes, coaches and athletic administrators are not subject to gender based discrimination.

An athletic program can be considered equitable when the participants in both the men's and women's sports programs would accept as fair and equitable the overall program of the other gender. No individual should be discriminated against on the basis of gender, institutionally, regionally, or nationally in intercollegiate athletics.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

HB 1048 - appropriates \$100,000 for the men’s Rough Riders baseball program at LCC.

**ALTERNATIVES**

The Higher Education Department recommends that LUNA CC should seek other sources of funding such as federal grants to fund this initiative or determine if the institution has existing funds available to help support this initiative.

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