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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/15/2007

SPONSOR Chasey LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 1151

SHORT TITLE UNM Student Mass Transit SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Moser

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$35.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
NM Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 1151 appropriates \$35,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for expenditure in FY08 for students to use mass transit to attend the university.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$35,000 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

HED indicates that HB 1151 is a collaborative pilot program between UNM and the Albuquerque Transportation Department to allow UNM students to use public transportation in the Albuquerque Metro Area free of charge upon presenting a student ID.

UNM accommodates tens of thousands of students and faculty members on a daily basis, which presents a transportation challenge. This bill would encourage students to use mass transit instead of private automobiles.

This request was not submitted by UNM to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08.

**PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

HED states that HB 1151 is a pilot program. Assessments of its success will be evaluated based on the relief on congested roads and parking lots and the number of students accessing public transit. These will be important factors in determining the continuation of this program.

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