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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Martinez ORIGINAL DATE 1/19/08
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 101
SHORT TITLE NMSU-Grants Fine Arts Laboratory SB _____
ANALYST Kehoe, L.

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
\$50.0		Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)
New Mexico State University-Grants
New Mexico State University-Grants Fine Arts Laboratory

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 101 appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for the purpose of equipping the fine arts laboratory at the Grants campus.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50,000 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the analysis submitted by both the Higher Education Department and the New Mexico State University in Grants, the request for funding in House Bill 101 is for start-up funds for the development, implementation and plans for institutionalization of a fine arts program at the Grants campus. NMSU-Grants currently offers courses required for the general education

requirements for an Associate of Arts, but does not focus on fine arts. According to NMSU-Grants, an Associate of Arts degree in fine arts program would concentrate in one of five proposed areas of study: studio arts, theater, creative media, creative writing and music. An associate program in fine arts will prepare students for either a career in the arts, or articulation to a baccalaureate degree program at a four-year institution.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

As written, House Bill 101 appears to be requesting funds for capital outlay expenditure. However, according to information provided by the New Mexico State University Grants institution, the funds will be used for operational expenditures.

Proposed amendment: On page 1, line 18 of the bill, strike the words “equip fine arts laboratories” and insert in lieu thereof the words “provide funding for planning and development of a fine arts program”.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to NMSU-Grants, “the University of New Mexico’s Bureau of Business and Economic Research published an economic impact study of the arts and cultural industries in Santa Fe County (2004) and a like study in Bernalillo County should be nearing completion. This study provides documentation of the major impact of the arts to the economic development of Santa Fe County. Although NMSU-Grants is located in Cibola County—two counties removed from Santa Fe—some of the information provided by this study is relevant to demonstrate the need for the establishment of a Fine Arts Program at NMSU-Grants which will benefit the economic well being of Cibola County.”

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