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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE
LAST UPDATED 1/29/08 **HB** 433

SPONSOR Maestas

SHORT TITLE National Latina/o Law Student Conference **SB** _____

ANALYST Cox

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

Department of Higher Education (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 433 requests an appropriation of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 for the Mexican American law student association of the university of New Mexico school of law to host a national Latina/o law student conference.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the General Fund.

This request was not submitted by UNM to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and was not included in the Department's Executive recommendations for FY09. However, in FY08 UNM did receive a non-recurring funding in the amount of \$25,000.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HED states:

MALSA was founded in the 1970s by a group of UNM law students seeking to promote the advancement of Hispanics in higher education. The students' goal was to build a support network for Hispanic law students by focusing on the academic and social interests and needs of Hispanic students. Today, MALSA continues its long tradition of advocating for Hispanic students to ensure that they have a rewarding and successful experience at the UNM School of Law.

NLLSA is an organization of law school chapters from all regions of the United States. These chapters assemble annually every fall at the National Latina/o Law Student Conference. At this conference, delegates representing each chapter elect fellow students to hold offices of the National Executive Board. The NLLSA Board is comprised of six national board members and six regional directors who agree to uphold and carry out their duties as described in the Constitution.

This year the NLLSA conference will be held in New Mexico on October 16-18, 2008. The conference attracts up to approximately 400 students each year. Applications to host the conference are due in November for the following fall event. Selected states are expected to raise no less than \$65,000 to host the conference. The organization promotes responsible fundraising by not accepting funds from any organization that does not practice the highest standards of ethics. States that have hosted the conference in the past are Washington, Colorado, and California; the 11th annual 2007 conference was held in Madison, Wisconsin.

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