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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/29/08

SPONSOR Cisneros LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE UNM-Taos Manpower Development SB 409

ANALYST Escudero

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|---------------|---------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY08 | FY09 | | |
| | \$300.0 | Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Public Education Department (PED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 409 appropriates \$300.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the Taos Branch Community College for expenditure in FY09 to develop and implement a partnership with local schools and community groups for manpower development.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund or other. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end 2009 of shall revert to the general fund.

This request was not submitted by UNM Taos to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and is not included in the Departments funding recommendation for FY09.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to HED, the Manpower Development Program (MDP) (aka workforce development) is operated by the UNM Taos branch campus. The MDP has been instrumental in collaborating

with the local businesses and high schools in providing a broad scope of technical courses to the Taos community and surrounding high schools through distance learning.

- UNM Taos™ curriculum focuses on seven academies: Arts, Health and Human Services, Science and Natural Resources, Professions and Liberal Arts, Trades and Industries, Business and Computer Technology, International Programs Office and Bachelor and Graduate Programs. Within the seven academies, there are specific courses designed to meet the needs of the local workforce needs based on UNM Taos™ partnerships under the Manpower Development Program.
- Some examples of course offerings under the MDP are: diesel mechanics, computer classes, life skills courses and business principles in management.
- UNM Taos™ partnership with the surrounding high schools provide distance learning to students in Questa, Cimarron and Penasco. As distance learning technology continues to become available, the needs for this component evolve year to year. The founding principle of the UNM Taos/high school partnerships is to engage students in higher education
- UNM Taos™ workforce development efforts with this program requires extensive collaboration and strong partnerships with local businesses which are demonstrated by the following course offerings in response to the community's request:

Health Sciences (in collaboration with Holy Cross Hospital):

- Medical billing courses will be offered. Holy Cross Hospital will provide the space, equipment and teaching staff.
- Medical massage courses. The Taos medical community requested holistic courses be offered as an alternative to students.
- Dental assisting courses in collaboration with the Taos Dental Association.

Career trade courses are offered in the following programs in collaboration with local area school districts (mentioned above), Taos Builders Association, Sustain Taos and Kit Carson Electric Coop, Taos County Chamber, Enchanted Circle Intergovernmental Council, Municipalities and New Mexico Workforce Solutions:

1. Construction Technology Program;
2. Sustainability and Alternative Energy and Building Programming;
3. Culinary and Service Industry Programming;
4. Community based labor and employer training programming;
5. Small business and Entrepreneurial Program Development;
6. Distance delivery of Career Technical Courses at the Small Business Development Centers.

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