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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/07/12

SPONSOR Maestas LAST UPDATED _____ HB 264

SHORT TITLE UNM Land Master Plan SB _____

ANALYST Hartzler-Toon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$100.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)
University of New Mexico (UNM)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 264 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to UNM, and specifically to the planning department of the university, from the general fund for the purpose of preparing a master plan for all of the land in Bernalillo County west of the Rio Grande and east of the Rio Puerco.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2103 shall revert to the general fund.

The HED states that this request for increased funding was not submitted by UNM to the department for review and consideration for fiscal year 2013. The department's review process requires the approval of the university's board of regents and analysis by the department, the Department of Finance and Administration, and the Legislative Finance Committee. The department does not support funding requests that have not completed this review process.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The UNM planning department would administer the appropriation and planning process. The UNM responded that it lacked sufficient information to adequately address the purpose and use of funding described in House Bill 264, particularly with respect to any operational costs associated with completing a master plan. The HED also lacked sufficient information to determine additional operational costs associated with the appropriation.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

As part of the university's 2009 comprehensive master plan, covering the north, central and south campuses, the university cited a separate master plan for UNM West at Rio Rancho. The university published a master plan for UNM's Rio Rancho campus in 2009. (See http://iss.unm.edu/PCD/docs/RioRancho_Report_FINAL_08.05.09.pdf) The plan describes a mixed use and academic center, alongside the UNM Sandoval Regional Medical Center.

It is unclear whether House Bill 264 would appropriate funds to update the UNM West plan or complete an additional, separate plan.

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