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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Maestas ORIGINAL DATE 02/17/13
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 618
SHORT TITLE UNM Minority Undergrad Recruitment SB _____
ANALYST Roberts

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act, Higher Education Department, University of New Mexico

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

No Response Received From

University of New Mexico (UNM)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 618 appropriates \$50 thousand dollars from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to recruit and retain first-year minority undergraduate students.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand dollars contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED notes that this request was not submitted by UNM to the department for review. HED has established a formal process for reviewing earmarked budget requests for higher education

institutions. This process requires prior approval by the governing body of the university or college. It also provides for analysis of each request by HED, DFA and LFC. HED recommends that requests that circumvent the formal review process not receive funding in the annual budget but be directed to be resubmitted for funding in FY15.

The University receives general fund support as part of the instruction and general (I&G) funding formula. In addition, the university receives general fund support for minority student services (\$681,150 in FY13) and student mentoring programs to aid student retention (\$369,400 in FY13). The House Appropriations and Finance Committee recommended slight increases in general fund appropriations to both programs in FY14.

These requests suggest an overlap in funding.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

HB 618 does not provide performance measures; however, performance measures have been included as part of HED process for review in the similar named RPSPs.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico will be responsible for administering the funds to recruit and retain first-year minority undergraduate students.

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