

LFC Requester:

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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*

Date Prepared: January 27, 2026 Check all that apply:
Bill Number: HB 170 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Rep. Anaya **Agency Name and Code** University of New Mexico-952
Short UNM Basic Needs Project **Number:** _____
Title: _____ **Person Writing** Lenaya Montoya
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
	\$1,400.00	Nonrecurring	General Fund

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
 Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: HB 170 appropriates \$1.4 million dollars to the University of New Mexico for fiscal year 2027 for UNM's Basic Needs Project.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

HB 170 was brought forth by the Associated Students at the University of New Mexico and is about investing in the retention of students at UNM. With recent federal cuts to SNAP and Medicaid and changes to student loan borrowing, students are facing food insecurity, struggling to pay for housing, or are unable to access basic health and safety items. The \$1.4 million this bill would provide would put menstrual products in every restroom on UNM's campus, keep the food pantry stocked, provide legal help so students can stay focused on school, offer emergency housing assistance when students struggle to pay rent, and ensure safe transportation across campus, along with safe locations for food pickup.

Supporting HB 170 is an investment in the retention of students in New Mexico, as the costs of legal services and other basic needs support can be a heavy burden on all students. This funding helps students survive, stay in class, and complete their degrees.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Dean of Students Office at UNM currently oversees most of the programs and services that the students identified above. The Dean of Students Office may need some funding for a FTE to oversee the implementation of this additional funding for these purposes.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS

Responses provided by:

Associated Students at the University of New Mexico (ASUNM)