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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2026 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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<b>Original</b>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<b>Amendment</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Date Prepared:</b>	<u>2026-01-30</u>
<b>Correction</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Substitute</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<b>Bill No:</b>	<u>HB236</u>

<b>Sponsor:</b>	<u>Gonzales, Anita</u>	<b>Agency Name and Code</b>	<u>NMHED</u>
	<u>UNM PATHWAYS STATEWIDE</u>	<b>Number:</b>	<u></u>
<b>Short Title:</b>	<u>COLLABORATIVE PROGRAM</u>	<b>Person Writing:</b>	<u>Weber, Jody</u>
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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		
N/A	\$2,000.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue	Recurring	Fund

<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Affected</b>
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	<b>FY26</b>	<b>FY27</b>	<b>FY28</b>	<b>3 Year Total Cost</b>	<b>Recurring or Nonrecurring</b>	<b>Fund Affected</b>
<b>Total</b>	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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**

House Bill 236 (HB236) Appropriates two million dollars (\$2,000,000) from the General Fund to the University of New Mexico’s (UNM) Board of Regents in Fiscal Year 2027 (FY27) for the UNM Health Sciences Center’s “Pathways Statewide Collaborative” Program. This program supports various health professional pathways programs, including science, technology, engineering, math and health sciences programs, as well as youth leadership development activities. Any unspent funds at the end of FY27 will revert to the General Fund.

Curriculum pathways and student leadership development improve student retention and align educational experiences with specific goals and outcomes. Clearly articulated pathways can improve time to graduation and help students achieve their academic goals. This is especially true for first generation students and economically disadvantaged students.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The University of New Mexico (UNM) did not submit this request to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for possible incorporation into the agency's higher education comprehensive funding recommendation. The NMHED has a formal process for reviewing earmarked budget requests for higher education institutions when developing the NMHED funding recommendation.

Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the General Fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

- HB236 does not define the “Pathways Statewide Collaborative.” Beyond UNM, it is unclear which state institutions are involved and whether the collaboration applies to program design, implementation, or both.
- The bill does not specify the intended beneficiaries of the appropriation. It is unclear whether funds will support outreach and communication to prospective students, be distributed to existing pathway programs into health professions, or provide other forms of support.
- The nature of the “pathways” is not clearly articulated. It is unclear whether these are structured curriculum maps leading into health professions or include additional components beyond student leadership.
- It is not specified whether the program includes outreach to New Mexico’s dual credit students as a strategy to increase interest and participation in health profession pathways.
- The bill does not establish program eligibility criteria, geographic scope, performance measures, or reporting requirements.
- The text does not clarify whether the appropriation is intended to expand a new program, continue existing activities, or target specific populations beyond the general description provided.
- The excerpt does not include audit provisions or outcome, performance, or legislative reporting requirements tied to the appropriation.

#### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

HB236 does not outline specific performance measures. However, if funded, UNM should develop performance measures and reporting requirements.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The program would be administered by UNM.

#### CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

#### TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

#### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

#### ALTERNATIVES

N/A

#### WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If HB236 does not pass, then two million dollars (\$2,000,000) will not be appropriated from the General Fund for UNM’s “Pathways Statewide Collaboration.”

#### AMENDMENTS

N/A

