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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Vaughn	DATE TYPED:	02/15/00	HB	471/aHEC
SHORT TITLE:	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Project			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 1,200.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB101, HB237

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HEC Amendment

This amendment adds the following language: "A plan for a program evaluation, including specific program goals and criteria for assessing effectiveness shall be submitted to the LFC and the CHE by August 1, 2000 and an assessment shall be completed annually."

Synopsis of Original Bill

This bill appropriates \$1,200.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University for the Sloan Digital Sky Survey project.

Significant Issues

According to the CHE, a benefit of implementation of this bill would be greater research opportunities.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,200.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

This bill relates to Senate Bill 101 and House Bill 237 which appropriate funds for the current fiscal year.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

CHE recommends that the following language be included for all new recurring higher education programs:
"A plan for a program evaluation, including specific program goals and criteria for assessing program effectiveness shall be submitted to the LFC and the CHE by October 1, 2000. An assessment of the program will be completed prior to June 30, 2001 and submitted to the LFC and the CHE."

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