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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Rawson	DATE TYPED:	01/29/00	HB	
SHORT TITLE:	Sloan Digital Sky Survey Project			SB	101
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
\$ 1,100.0				Rec	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB237

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$1,100.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University for the Sloan Digital Sky Survey project at Apache Point Observatory. This bill carries an emergency clause.

Significant Issues

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

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund for expenditure in fiscal years 2000 and 2001. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

This bill duplicates House Bill 237.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The CHE recommends that the following language be included for all new recurring higher education programs: "The institution receiving the special appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the LFC and the CHE by August 1, 2003 detailing the benefits to the State from having this program implemented for a three-year period."

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