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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Picraux DATE TYPED: 02/04/01 HB 321
 SHORT TITLE: Manufacturing Engineering Special Projects SB _____
 ANALYST: Gilbert

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 440.0			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 321 appropriates \$440.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for the purpose of funding a manufacturing training and technology center cleanroom.

Significant Issues

The appropriation in this bill would be used for incremental expansion of the manufacturing engineering special project funding for phase one operations of the manufacturing training and technology center cleanroom. This program will support approximately 100 students in an attempt to address the statewide demand to fill high-tech manufacturing jobs.

This project was the third highest priority for all research and public service projects that were submitted by the University of New Mexico Board of Regents to the Commission on Higher Education (CHE) for consideration.

After evaluating this program expansion request, the CHE recommended funding for this program at \$200.0.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

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The UNM Manufacturing Engineering is scheduled for evaluation using the CHE's evaluation process in FY02. The evaluation process was developed in conjunction with DFA and LFC to be responsive to the Accountability in Government Act.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$440.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY02 shall revert to the general fund.

AMENDMENTS

The CHE suggests the following language for all new recurring higher education programs and expansion of current programs (assuming that funding will continue beyond 2001-2002):

“The institution receiving the appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on Higher Education by August 2, 2004 detailing the benefits to the State of New Mexico from having this program implemented for a three-year period.”

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