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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Smith DATE TYPED 2/23/05 HB _____

SHORT TITLE NM Tech Counterterrorism Training SB 465

ANALYST Williams

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$400.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act for Homeland Security and NMIMT

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 465 appropriates \$400 thousand from the general fund to the board of regents of New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIMT) to contract with Hidalgo county for counterterrorism research and training in Playas, New Mexico.

Significant Issues

The Playas town site was purchased with \$5 million in federal funds from Phelps Dodge Corporation. The location formerly served copper-smelting operations which ceased in 1999. The site consists of one section or 640 acres township plus 1,200 acres as well as 259 homes, 6 apartment buildings and community facilities. The site is intended for research and training in the areas of anti-terrorism and other national domestic preparedness programs.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

CHE notes the request was not presented as part of the priorities for NMIMT during the annual funding request cycle.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$400 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of a fiscal year would **not** revert.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How would funding be utilized?
2. How would program outcomes be determined?
3. Are federal matching funds available?

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