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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/27/06

SPONSOR Trujillo LAST UPDATED _____ HB 141

SHORT TITLE UNM Law School Executive Training Program SB _____

ANALYST Earp

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

State Personnel Office (SPO)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 141 appropriates \$250,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the Institute of Public Law to:

- Develop a pilot web-based training program for all executive branch employees (\$200,000).
- Develop a pilot training program for executive branch hearing officers and commissioners (\$50,000).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

House Bill 141 funds the creation of two pilot programs. Once the programs are created, they will require additional funds for implementation and maintenance. Therefore, the appropriation of \$250,000 contained in this bill is shown as a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This proposal was not included among the special program funding requests submitted by the University of New Mexico to HED for review. Consequently, this proposal has not been included in the HED funding recommendations for fiscal year 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Staff at the Institute for Public Law will be responsible for developing the content and interface capabilities of the website for the on-line courses. Adequate support personnel will be required to maintain the website and interact with the executive branch employees, hearing officers, and commissioners who may utilize the programs.

The State Personnel Office (SPO) states that there may be opportunities for the agency to collaborate with the Institute for Public Law to develop and deliver training programs for state employees as a result of this pilot project.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

SPO states that this pilot project would benefit executive branch employees as a supplemental training resource for information on Federal and state employment laws in the areas of sexual harassment, Federal Labor Standards Act, Family Medical Leave Act, etc.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Following the development of the pilot project, is it intended that Institute of Public Law maintain and deliver the program to executive branch employees, or will this responsibility be shifted to the State Personnel Office?

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