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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/5/06

SPONSOR Crook LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 539

SHORT TITLE Long-term Residential Treatment Facility SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Hoffmann

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$3,600.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 511.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Public Education Department (PED)

Department of Health (DOH)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 539 appropriates \$3,600,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico Highlands University to fund a collaborative program with the university's School of Social Work for a statewide long-term multi-jurisdictional residential treatment facility.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$3,600,000 contained in this bill is 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 appropriation was not included in the 2006 Legislative priorities from NMHU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department. This project was not on the list of NMHED's funding recommendations, and was therefore not reviewed.

According to the Department of Health, SB 511 does not address population to be served, type of treatment, capacity needs, workforce issues, or location. Historically, an institution of higher education does not administer treatment programs.

The Department of Health also states that any proposed treatment facility should result from system-wide planning through the Behavioral Health Purchasing Collaborative, addressing such issues as workforce need, professional competence and assurance of non-duplication of services.

According to the Public Education Department, the 2005 – 2006 special education student data report for students ages 3 – 21, December 1st annual report showed that:

- 743 students were served in a homebound/short-term hospital program
- 142 were served in juvenile detention/corrections settings
- 263 students were served in residential programs

The PED would need to work with NMHU to determine how students placed in the residential treatment center will receive educational services. A system for counting school-aged students placed in the residential treatment center will also need to be established.

**DUPLICATION**

This is a duplicate of Senate Bill 511.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

How many individuals will this program serve?

Are the services already available from other sources?

CH/yr