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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Gardner **ORIGINAL DATE** 2/9/06  
**LAST UPDATED** 2/13/06 **HB** 738

**SHORT TITLE** Expand ENMU Athletic Training Program **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Hoffmann

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Capital Outlay Request 265 and House Capital Outlay Request 1301.

### **SOURCES OF INFORMATION**

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

### **SUMMARY**

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 738 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University to expand its athletic training program.

### **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$100,000 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 request was not in the list of priority projects submitted by ENMU to the Department of Higher Education (HED) for review. This request was not included in the HED funding recommendation for FY07.

HED is committed to the adequate and equitable support of necessary instructional, student services, and academic support initiatives for all students in New Mexico. Activities to be funded in this proposal are currently recommended for funding through the Instruction and General (I&G) higher education funding formula within the General Appropriation Act. Funding of this program without consideration of similar needs at all institutions could weaken the equitability and thus the integrity of the I&G formula.

The LFC's appropriation recommendations include a lump-sum recommendation for \$1,626,700.

**CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

House Capital Outlay Request 1301 would appropriate \$50,000 for an "ENMU ATHLETIC TRAINING EQUIP PURCHASE."

House Capital Outlay Request 265 would also appropriate \$50,000 for an "ENMU ATHLETIC TRAIN EQUIP PURCHASE."

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to the Higher Education Department, the Athletic Training program at Eastern New Mexico University fully supports all athletes for injuries and rehabilitation. At ENMU Athletic Training is not a curriculum program. According to the ENMU college catalog of academic programs, students can participate as athletic trainers based on work study qualifications and take courses to earn a minor in Athletic Training. However, the catalog clearly stipulates that "a minor in Athletic Training will not lead to athletic training certification nor will it be accepted as an endorsement area on a New Mexico teaching license." ENMU does not currently offer a bachelor's degree program in athletic training.

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