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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2-9-2006

SPONSOR Vigil LAST UPDATED _____ HB 772

SHORT TITLE Luna Community College Baseball Program SB _____

ANALYST Dearing

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$75.0	Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Higher Education Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 772 appropriates \$75,000 from the general fund to the New Mexico Higher Education Department in order to provide continuing funding for the baseball program at Luna Community College.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75,000 contained in this bill is a non-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.

NMHED considers the \$75,000 appropriation to be non-recurring since athletic programs are considered to be Research and Public Service Projects (RPSP's) which are in addition to recurring I&G monies. The appropriation would flow from MNHED to LCC.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This legislation was previously introduced during the 2005 legislative session, however last year's bill was not successfully enacted.

Athletics programs at higher education institutions are considered special projects. These projects are listed as Research and Public Service Projects (RPSPs) by colleges and universities where they appear as line items in the budget. These programs are in addition to any Instruction and General (I&G) budget appropriations that colleges or universities receive. As such, institutions must annually submit their RPSP priority lists to NMHED for consideration.

This request, however, was not included in the LCC budget submission to NMHED. Consequently, the funding request has neither been reviewed nor recommended by the New Mexico Higher Education Department for inclusion in fiscal year 2007.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

Funding, if appropriated, would be administered through New Mexico Higher Education Department, through their existing methods.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB772 is a companion to SB621 which appropriates \$300,000 to NMHED in FY07 for athletics at Luna Community College (LCC), New Mexico Junior College (NMJC), and Mesalands Community College (MCC).

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If this legislation is not enacted, the current baseball program at Luna Community College would necessitate funding through other sources.

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