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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE NMSU J. Paul Taylor Center for Social Policy SB 244

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$400.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 244

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)
New Mexico State University (NMSU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 244 appropriates \$400,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University to support the work of the J. Paul Taylor Center for Social Policy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$400,000 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 proposal was ranked as priority #8 of 9 special program expansion items submitted by NMSU for review by the Higher Education Department (HED). However, HED did not include this project among its fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The administration of the Center will be handled completely within the existing structure of NMSU. No significant additional administrative impact is anticipated.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 166 and Senate Bill 244 are duplicate measures.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

NMSU states that the requested appropriation would support the creation and first three years of operation of the J. Paul Taylor Center for Applied Social Policy and Public Interest Research. The Center staff will provide funded and pro bono technical assistance and applied research of importance to state and local juvenile justice agencies, professionals, local school districts, juvenile justice oriented public not-for-profit entities throughout the state and others sharing the vision and commitment of J. Paul Taylor in regard to social policy in general and youth policy in particular. Specifically the center will: (1) identify and coordinate the expertise of faculty across NMSU with the needs of those in the region and state confronting social policy and program dilemmas; (2) serve as clearinghouse for provision of information about best practices across the nation; (3) provide applied research to assist in formulating and implementing data based and theory driven public policy; (4) work with youth and family-serving organizations to develop centralized sets of information that can be used to justify state, federal, and foundation funding; (5) work with social policy organizations to identify, solicit, and receive funding for new program and initiative development; and (6) create and disseminate cutting edge policy research.

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