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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/7/06

SPONSOR Taylor LAST UPDATED HB

SHORT TITLE UNM African-American Student Services SB 549

ANALYST Lewis

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

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

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 641 (UNM African-American Studies Program)

Relates to SB 421 (UNM African-American Studies Program)

Relates to HC 937 (Capital Improvements in Albuquerque – including \$25,000 to purchase and install information technology for the African-American Studies Program at UNM)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Office of African American Affairs (OAAA)

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 549 appropriates \$75,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the African-American Student Services Program and operations.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$75,000 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

The State Office of African American Affairs (OAAA) supports the SB 549 appropriation of \$75,000 to the African American Student Services Program at UNM. This Program is in need of funding to ensure that program goals are met and student and community services continue. The OAAA has established an effective partnership with the African American Student Services Program to provide outreach services to surrounding communities. It is evident that this program needs additional financial support to accomplish its mission.

According to the Higher Education Department (HED), the African American Student Services Program at UNM offers culturally relevant programs designed primarily to assist African American students in achieving success at UNM. The program provides an environment that is sensitive to the unique culture and history of African Americans. The services and programs offered include Advocacy and Liaison, Academic Advising, Emotional Support, Environment, Financial/Employment Assistance, Community Relations, Referrals, Cultural Programming, Student Organizations, and Black Greek Organizations. The funds requested would support the African American Student Services Program in administering services.

This appropriation was not on the list of priority projects submitted by UNM to the HED for review and was not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY07.

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