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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/4/06

SPONSOR Feldman LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE NM Sentencing Commission Benefits & Salaries SB 627

ANALYST Peery

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$80.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Response Received From
State Personnel Office (SPO)

No Response Received From
New Mexico Sentencing Commission (NMSC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 627 appropriates \$80.0 from the general fund to the New Mexico Sentencing Commission for the purpose of employee benefits and salaries.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$80.0 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

SPO reports the University of New Mexico provides human resources administration to the New Mexico Sentencing Commission. SPO reports they do not provide any human resource administration to the commission.

The New Mexico Sentencing Commission in its FY07 budget request for base expansion of research capabilities included a \$23,700 increase in the University of New Mexico (UNM) contract to provide a three percent cost-of-living increase for staff for FY05, FY06 and FY07. NMSC reported in FY05 and FY06 it had to absorb the cost-of-living increases for staff who are UNM employees due to the agency not receiving an appropriation increase.

The New Mexico Sentencing Commission has a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with UNM that states what is mutually agreed to by the parties. The MOU states that staff of the NMSC will be paid as UNM employees. The MOU does not address cost-of-living or pay increases for staff.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The Memorandum of Understanding between the New Mexico Sentencing Commission and University of New Mexico states the staff of the commission will be paid as UNM employees. NMSC staff receives pay and benefits from UNM.

ALTERNATIVES

The Memorandum of Understanding could include cost-of-living or pay increases for staff of the New Mexico Sentencing Commission.

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