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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE UNM Inter-American Cooperation Program SB 677  
ANALYST Hoffmann

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 677 appropriates \$50,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to pay for an inter-American cooperation and development program.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50,000 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 Inter-American Cooperation and Development Program was not included in UNM's 2006 legislative priorities submitted to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for review. This project was not on the list of NMHED's recommendations.

According to the Higher Education Department, the \$50,000 will be used to help fund the following:

- Scholarships for training
- Consultant travel between UNM and D.C. to coordinate activities
- Production of course brochures for promotion and outreach
- Hiring of course programmers
- Server and line maintenance, internet fees

UNM's Ibero-American Science and Technology Education Consortium (ISTEC) is collaborating with the Inter-American Institute for Advanced Studies (INEAM) of the Organization of the American States (OAS) in Washington, D.C. The collaboration is to provide educational and professional training to 6,000 professionals from 18 countries through a minimum of seven online courses and 3,000 teachers in New Mexico.

Administered and housed at UNM, the Inter-American Cooperation and Development Program's training will be offered to the following countries: Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Colombia, Chile, Costa Rica, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico, Nicaragua, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, Uruguay, and Venezuela.

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