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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR SFC ORIGINAL DATE 2/15/06
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE Public Peace, Health, Safety & Welfare SB CS/763/SFC
ANALYST Earp

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$300.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

The Senate Finance Committee Substitute for Senate Bill 763 appropriates \$300,000 from the general fund to the Higher Education Department for the Ben Lujan Leadership Institute at Luna Community College.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300,000 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 Ben Lujan Leadership and Policy Institute was established at New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU) in 2005. Is it intended that the appropriation in this bill be made to NMHU or is a similar initiative being proposed for LCC?

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation in this bill is made to HED, which would be administratively responsible for transferring the funds to LCC. No significant impact is anticipated.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

This bill appears to conflict with House Bill 742 and Senate Bill 689 which appropriate funds to NMHU for the Ben Lujan Leadership and Policy Institute.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Is LCC the intended recipient of this appropriation?

Why is the appropriation made to HED rather than directly to the recipient institution?

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