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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Irwin ORIGINAL DATE 1/31/2007
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 289
SHORT TITLE WNMU Instructional Television Needs SB _____
ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$120.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to SB 142.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico Department of Higher Education (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 289 appropriates \$120,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Western New Mexico University (WNMU) for expenditure in FY 2008 and FY 2009 to fund instructional television needs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$120,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2009 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

A public service proposal was submitted by WNMU to the New Mexico HED for review in the amount of \$118,600. The Department's recommendation for HB 289 is in the amount of \$126,100 for FY08.

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WNMU received \$126,100 in recurring funding for FY07 and \$123,200 in FY06. Western New Mexico University Media Services provides instructional television (ITV), video conferencing, and other audio-visual technology to WNMU students and local school districts.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

House bill 289 (WNMU Instructional Television Needs) and SB 142 (WNMU Instructional Television Center) are duplicates, except for the titles.

ALTERNATIVES

The Higher Education Department suggests that funding should be requested from Computer Systems Enhancement Fund or other technology funding source.

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