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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/1/2007

SPONSOR Salazar LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Expand Adult Basic Education Programs SB 430

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$2,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 430 appropriates \$2.0 million from the General Fund to the Higher Education Department for expenditure in FY 2008 to expand Adult Basic Education Programs across the state, including English as a second language programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$2.0 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

In FY07, 28 local ABE programs around the state served 21,637 adult students at an annual state cost of \$270 per student. ESL students accounted for one-third of the total enrollment.

More than 400,000 adults are still in need of services; there are over 500 students on wait lists to enter local programs (HED Agency Bill Analysis).

This request was submitted by the ABE Division of NMHED but was not included in the Department's request for funding.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The Adult Basic Education Division at HED has addressed accountability issues by:

- implementing a state-of-the-art web-based student data system
- developing and implementing assessment, goal-setting, follow-up, and local program probation policies
- developing a strategic plan and evaluation instrument/process
- implementing a performance-based federal funding process
- revising the state workload-based funding formula
- developing the first statewide professional development plan
- completing all action items resulting from the federal evaluation site visit.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The General Appropriation Act (SB 2/HB 7) includes \$5.9 million from the General Fund to support Adult Basic Education. There is an additional appropriation to ENMU – Ruidoso (\$135,000).

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The HED distributes funds to the following programs

Alamo Navajo School Board Inc.	NMSU-Carlsbad
Catholic Charities, Albuquerque	NMSU-Grants
Central NM Community College	NM Corrections Dept. Educational Bureau
Clovis Community College	Northern New Mexico College
Crownpoint Institute of Technology	Sage Lifelong Learning Cntr., Yah-Ta-Hey, NM
Diné College - Shiprock	San Juan College
Doña Ana Community College	Santa Fe Community College
ENMU-Roswell	SER de New Mexico, Inc., Albuquerque
ENMU-Ruidoso	Southwestern Indian Polytechnic Inst.
The Gathering Place, Thoreau, NM	UNM-Gallup
Luna Community College	UNM-Los Alamos
Mesalands Community College	UNM-Taos
New Mexico Junior College	UNM-Valencia
NMSU-Alamogordo	WNMU