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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE**  
**LAST UPDATED**

**SPONSOR** Martinez **HB** 99

**SHORT TITLE** NMSU-Grants Physical Education Program **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Escudero

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

New Mexico State University – Grants (NMSU-Grants)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 99 appropriates \$50.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for Physical Education and Wellness Programs at he Grants campus.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

NMSU submitted this request in the amount of \$50,000 to the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) for review. It is not included in the Department's FY09 funding recommendation.

The HED's evaluation table of FY09 Research and Public Service Projects provided to the LFC classifies this project as a "breach" of the Higher Education Formula. Reasons for this classification decision are not provided. (LFC Report 07-20, Higher Education Department Review of Selected Research and Public Service Projects, January 12, 2008, Table 4, p74.)

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

- According to HED, the purpose of this funding is to provide start-up support to NMSU Grants to hire full-time faculty for development of fitness and wellness programs. NMSU Grants lacks full-time faculty to direct physical education and wellness academic programming. Without full-time staff, the school must rely on adjunct faculty. Adjuncts are considered part time and usually have full-time jobs off campus.
- Well developed and expanded education and wellness programs will benefit the students and the community. Students can use these programs to prepare for other careers such as the Correctional Officer Training Academy (COTA). Classes will offer the opportunity for dual enrollment in support of COTA.
- These expanded programs will also benefit the rural and minority communities. Studies have shown that there is a high rate of diabetes affecting minority populations in New Mexico. Well-developed education and wellness programs can have a positive impact on this disease. These benefits require a full-time staff member who will be able to develop programs for health and fitness that will be available for students and the community.
- According to NMSU-Grants, this funding will provide startup support to NMSU-Grants to hire a faculty person dedicated to development of physical education/wellness academic programming for students which include the Cadet Officer Training Academy for prison officers.
- NMSU-Grants is investing BR&R funding to remodel Fidel Activities Center gymnasium to add an elevator to become ADA compliant. Within Fidel Center there exists a second floor adding about 25% additional space to the facility that has been unusable because it has not been ADA compliant. This remodel will provide for expanded academic instructional space to build fitness/wellness program and thus build added formula revenue source for NMSU-Grants.
- NMSU-Grants Cadet Officer Training Academy (COTA) includes a great deal of physical fitness activities to prepare prison staff for physical rigor required in law enforcement careers.
- In addition, a high rate of diabetes in minority populations in New Mexico (Native American and Hispanic) which can stress rural health care systems can be supported through expanded access to physical education and wellness programming in Cibola County that encourages “wellness” instead of illness. A Junior Officer Law Enforcement Training program for dual enrollment students modeled after the COTA is also preparing the student pipeline into the career pathway for law enforcement personnel in New Mexico.