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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**ORIGINAL DATE**  
**LAST UPDATED** 1/30/08     **HB** 550

**SPONSOR** Gardner

**SHORT TITLE** Expand ENMU Athletics Program     **SB** \_\_\_\_\_

**ANALYST** Cox

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department – HED  
 Eastern New Mexico University - ENMU

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill.

House Bill 550 requests an appropriation of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) from the general fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University for expenditure in fiscal year 2009 to expand its athletic programs.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

A request was submitted by ENMU in the amount of \$2,460,025 to NMHED for review, an increase of \$150,000 above FY08 funding. The Department’s funding recommendation for FY09 in Research & Public Service Projects (RPSP) is a continuance of FY08 recurring funding in the amount of \$1,927,100.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES:**

Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) Athletics offers 13 sports programs and strives to build a sense of community among students, staff, and the public. ENMU asserts that the program significantly enhances the ability of student athletes to attend college. According to the ENMU Research & Public Service Projects (RPSP) request, the expansion of \$150,000 to the base appropriation of FY08 will cover an increase in travel costs, field maintenance costs, and athlete insurance and medical costs

ENMU notes:

These funds are intended to assist the university in the operations of our various athletic programs including grant-in-aid, training, equipment and travel.

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