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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Picraux **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/04/10
LAST UPDATED 02/11/10 **HB** 246/aHEC

SHORT TITLE UNM Bachelors to Medical Degree Program **SB** _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	\$453.4	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to appropriations contained in the General Appropriations Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HEC Amendment

The House Education Committee has amended House Bill 246 to change the appropriation amount to \$453.4 from the General Fund.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 246 appropriates \$853.4 thousand from the General Fund to the University of New Mexico for the Bachelors to Medical Degree Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$453.4 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2011 shall revert to the general fund.

House Bill 2 contains \$400 thousand for the bachelors to medical degree program in the Health Science Center appropriation to Instruction and General.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Combined BA/MD Degree Program is designed to help address the physician shortage in New Mexico by assembling a class of broadly diverse students committed to serving as physicians in New Mexico communities with the greatest need. This partnership program is between the University of New Mexico School of Medicine (SOM) and the College of Arts and Sciences. The BA/MD program accepts 28 New Mexico high school seniors each year.

The BA/MD program is currently in its 5th year of admitting students and the first class admitted is currently moving on to the UNM SOM. The program expands UNM SOM enrollment from 75 to 100 and the additional 25 students are selected on their desire to serve New Mexico communities that are medically underserved.

BA/MD students are enrolled in an eight-year combined degree program, and will ultimately earn both a Bachelor of Arts and a medical degree at UNM. Students first earn a baccalaureate degree through the College of Arts & Sciences in a challenging four-year curriculum specifically designed to prepare them for entering medical school.

Upon successful completion of the undergraduate academic and eligibility requirements of the program, students will enter the School of Medicine (SOM) to complete their Doctor of Medicine (MD) degree.

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