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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE UNM Law School High School Mock Trial SB 284

ANALYST Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
University of New Mexico

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 284 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund to the University of New Mexico (UNM) to support high school mock trial programs at the School of Law at UNM. Any unexpended funds at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund.

However, colleges and universities do not revert unexpended balances to the general fund, as the language requires.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

UNM law school provides support to high school students who participate in competitive mock trial programs. In New Mexico, the Center for Civic Values has sponsored the Gene Franchini Mock Trial Competition since 1978.

The program is helpful to developing important college preparatory skills for students including listening, public speaking, critical analysis, and debate. The program, according to administrators, is reflective of the diverse communities within New Mexico.

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