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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR <u>Ortiz y Pino</u>	LAST UPDATED _____
	ORIGINAL DATE <u>1/31/23</u>
SHORT TITLE <u>Community & Branch College Health Pgms</u>	BILL NUMBER <u>Senate Bill 148</u>
	ANALYST <u>Jorgensen</u>

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24		
	\$100.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.
*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)
Independent Community Colleges (ICC)

SUMMARY

Senate Bill 148 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Higher Education Department (HED) for the purpose of conducting a feasibility study on creating additional training programs for community health workers and peer counselors at community colleges and branch colleges.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect June 16, 2023, (90 days after the Legislature adjourns) if signed into law.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY24 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico has a demonstrated need for additional healthcare resources. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control report New Mexico had the highest death rate from chronic liver disease/cirrhosis in the nation, the fourth highest suicide rate, and the seventh highest diabetes death rate.