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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Stapleton	DATE TYPED:	01/25/00	HB	72
SHORT TITLE:	UNM At-Risk Newborn Transport Program			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 770.9			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$770.9 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to support the following Health Sciences Center programs: \$122.0 for newborn intensive care unit transport services; \$316.9 for enhancement of the library collection; and \$332.0 for increased utility expenses. This bill carries an emergency clause.

Significant Issues

According to the CHE, funding for the newborn ICU transport services will cover increased contract costs for fixed-wing air patient transport, necessary to meet existing service volume. Funding for utilities will be used for the addition of the new Cancer Center. Library funding will enhance both electronic and print collections at the Health Sciences Center Library and will ensure successful accreditation reviews.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$770.9 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund for expenditure in fiscal years 2000 and 2001. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The CHE recommends that the following language be included for all new recurring higher education

programs: "The institution receiving the special appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the LFC and the CHE by August 1, 2003 detailing the benefits to the State from having this program implemented for a three-year period."

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