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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Maestas ORIGINAL DATE 02/17/13
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 617
SHORT TITLE UNM Law School Latino & Latina Conference SB _____
ANALYST Roberts

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$50.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

No Response Received From

University of New Mexico (UNM)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 617 appropriates \$50 thousand dollars from the general fund to the board of regents of the university of New Mexico to pay for the school of law to host a national Latino and Latina law student conference.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand dollars contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2014 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED notes that the Mexican American law student association was founded by a group of UNM law students in the 1970s to promote the advancement of Hispanics in higher education. The National Latino Law Student Association is an organization of law school chapters from all

regions of the United States, with the goal of promoting unity and equal opportunity for Hispanic Law Students across the country. These chapters assemble annually every fall at the National Latina/Latino Law Student Conference. Anticipated attendance based on previous conferences is 300-350. Attendees of the conference include law students, practicing attorneys and public officials from across the country.

The HED further notes that the conference will be held from October 24 - 27, 2013 and will take place at the New Mexico Roundhouse and the New Mexico Supreme Court. The conference proposed cost is \$75,500. HB 617 appropriates \$50,000 to host the conference, and the remaining amount will be covered by the conference registration fees.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The board of regents of the university of New Mexico will be responsible for administering the funds to pay for the school of law to host a national Latino and Latina law student conference.

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