

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SB 43

52nd Legislature, 2nd Session, 2016

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Short Title: UNM Civic Leadership & Legislative Training

Sponsor(s): Senator Michael Padilla

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Bill Summary:

SB 43 appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the University of New Mexico (UNM) to support a civic leadership and legislative processes training program for high school students.

Fiscal Impact:

The bill appropriates \$250,000 from the General Fund to the board of regents of UNM for expenditure in FY 17. Unexpended or unencumbered balances revert to the General Fund.

Substantive Issues:

According to UNM, research shows that curriculum that continually challenges and engages traditionally underrepresented students has produced positive results in gains in academic standards. UNM cites this research as evidence that outreach programs such as civic and leadership programming will better prepare high school students to enter higher education and be prepared to enter the workforce with necessary technical, critical thinking, teamwork, work ethic, and professional and time management skills.

UNM states the civic leadership and legislative training program is intended for first-generation high school graduating students, and targets low income and Hispanic students. UNM will work with schools and students to identify and recruit students to participate in this year-round program, which includes student participation in academic programming, research, workshops, career planning, a summer academy, and community engagement. This program will provide a holistic approach to addressing the need of these students, with the goal of enabling the participants to achieve both academic and personal success.

Committee Referrals:

SCC/SEC/SFC

Related Bills:

None as of January 21, 2016