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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Padilla **ORIGINAL DATE** 1/14/2016  
**LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_ **HB** \_\_\_\_\_  
**SHORT TITLE** UNM Pain Management Services **SB** 42  
**ANALYST** Mulligan

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$1,100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

- Relates to HB2, Section 4J, Higher Education, appropriation to the University of New Mexico

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
University of New Mexico

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

SB 42 would appropriate \$1.1 million from the general fund to support the pain management center at the University of New Mexico. The proposed legislation appears to be an expansion of current levels of funding for UNM's Pain Center.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Any unexpended balances remaining at the end of FY17 would revert.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

UNM reports that the proposed funding would 1) increase access to care for patients suffering from chronic pain and addiction, 2) provide outreach services in pain and addiction consultation for primary care providers, 3) provide continuing medical education to all New Mexico clinicians, 4) monitor health outcomes related to chronic pain and unintentional, opiate-related overdoses, and 5) decrease the number of unintentional opiate overdose deaths.

The current level of funding for the UNM Pain Center is not specified, and quantitative data regarding how many more patients would be served, or what increase in the number of encounters could be expected with the additional funding, is not indicated. Neither the LFC recommendation nor the executive recommendation include the funding requested in SB 42.

\$50.0 thousand for this purpose was included in the 2015 legislative session HB 2 under UNM's research and public service projects appropriations, but was vetoed by the Governor.

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