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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/2/16
SPONSOR Morales **LAST UPDATED** _____ **HB** _____

SHORT TITLE Southwestern NM Health Career Trainings **SB** 241

ANALYST Chenier

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	\$250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY16	FY17	FY18	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$250.0	\$250.0	\$500.0	Recurring	General Fund

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Western New Mexico University (WNMU)

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 241 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the Department of Health for a comprehensive health careers program operated by an entity with at least five years experience in training youth in Southwestern New Mexico to enter health careers and providing training opportunities in a wide range of primary-care-relate professions.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$250 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balances remaining at the end of FY17 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the New Mexico Healthcare Workforce Committee in New Mexico there are 1,908 primary care physicians (PCPs), 1,228 certified nurse practitioners and certified nurse specialists (CNPs/CNSs), 694 physician assistants (PAs), 236 obstetrics and gynecology physicians (Ob/Gyn), 162 general surgeons, 289 psychiatrists, 1,081 dentists and 1,928 pharmacists (Table 1.3). Practice location distribution reveals significant shortages in most areas of the state. Our analyses indicates that without redistributing the current workforce, New Mexico is below national benchmarks by 145 PCPs, 197 CNPs/CNSs, 136 PAs, 43 Ob/Gyn, 18 general surgeons, 109 psychiatrists, 73 dentists and 299 pharmacists.

HED cited a report by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), stating that national demand will grow between 2012 and 2025 by 24 percent for nuclear medicine technologists, 24 percent for radiologic technologists, 21 percent for diagnostic medical sonographers, 22 percent for medical and clinical laboratory technologists, and 22 percent for medical and clinical laboratory technicians. In that same time period, demand will grow by 20 percent for respiratory therapy technicians, 17 percent for pharmacy technicians, 17 percent for pharmacy aides, 23 percent for occupational therapy assistants and 24 percent for physical therapy assistants. HRSA estimates that approximately 7,000 additional primary care physicians are currently needed in federally-designated medically underserved areas.

WNMU stated that the underlying assumption is that the primary participant in this program would be dual-enrolled high school students, and that some funding would need to be directed towards acquisition of new facility or renovation of an existing facility.

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