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F I S C A L I M P A C T R E P O R T

SPONSOR Trujillo ORIGINAL DATE 01/19/22
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 23
SHORT TITLE Human Papillomavirus Pap Registry SB _____
ANALYST Fischer

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY22	FY23		
	\$500.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)
University of New Mexico (UNM)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 23 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the University of New Mexico to support the operational infrastructure for the statewide human papillomavirus pap registry. There is no effective date of this bill. It is assumed that the effective date is 90 days following adjournment of the Legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of the fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Both the Higher Education Department (HED) and staff of the Legislative Finance Committee have a formal process for reviewing earmarked budget requests from the higher education institutions when developing institutional funding recommendations. The University of New Mexico did not submit this request to the department nor LFC for possible incorporation into

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either's higher education comprehensive funding recommendation.

The New Mexico human papillomavirus (HPV) pap registry was established in 2006 as a partnership between UNM Health Sciences Center/UNM Comprehensive Cancer Center and the state Department of Health. The registry allows physicians and scientists to monitor cervical cancer screening in New Mexico and is the only population-based cervical screening registry in the United States. The registry also tracks HPV vaccination across the state.

The University of New Mexico reported the registry recently lost federal funding but did not specify the funding source or amount. The appropriation in House Bill 23 presumably replaces that lost federal funding with state funding. The University also reported that the appropriations would cover costs for computer hardware and software to support the registry as well as salaries for data collection, staff and management, computer systems administration staff, and programmers and statisticians. The University did not provide any further cost breakdown.

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