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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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ORIGINAL DATE 1/30/23  
SHORT TITLE UNM Chicano & Chicana Studies BILL NUMBER Senate Bill 227  
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### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24		
	\$6,000.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Relates to appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

University of New Mexico (UNM)

## SUMMARY

Senate Bill 227 (SB227) appropriates \$6 million from the general fund to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of funding operational expenses of the Chicana and Chicano studies department.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect June 16, 2023, (90 days after the Legislature adjourns) if signed into law.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$6 million contained in this bill is recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY24 shall revert to the general fund.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

UNM reports:

The Chicano and Chicana Studies program received \$588 thousand in support from the general fund through a Research and Public Service Program (RPSP) line item in FY23. The additional funds from this \$6 million appropriation will cover faculty, staff, and student time to participate and maintain nine academic programs-- , professional training, internships, field study programs, seminars/workshops, conferences, four existing community service programs, student academic support, and research and publications outlets. Costs include faculty, staff, and student travel and housing costs related to professional development, conferences, and community seminars.

- The estimate considers financing for extant needs of all degree programs including the expansion of faculty, staff, and student FTEs and concomitant growth in the next few years.
- Cost estimates for program services are associated with growing public-facing educational programs that include the arts, music, dance, humanities, social sciences, educator mentoring, and community-engagement seminars and workshops.
- New courses need to be developed and added-to the degree pathways and instruction to enable implementation of the project.
- New funds will complement existing RPSP funds set at \$588,400.

## **CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP**

SB227 relates to the existing RPSP funding of \$588.4 thousand in the 2022 General Appropriation Act and recommended by the LFC and the executive for inclusion in the 2023 General Appropriation Act.

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