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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS  
2025 REGULAR SESSION**

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**SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION**

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Date 2025-02-21  
Bill No: HB515

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**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT**

**APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
N/A	1,500.00	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

**REVENUE (dollars in thousands)**

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

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**ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)**

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>						

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act:

**SECTION III: NARRATIVE**

**BILL SUMMARY**

House Bill 515 (HB515) makes an appropriation of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Western New Mexico University (WNMU) for expenditure in Fiscal Year (FY) 2026 and FY27 to create and support a university men's baseball program.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

HB515 makes an appropriation of one million five hundred thousand dollars (\$1,500,000) from the General Fund to the WNMU Board of Regents for expenditure in FY26 and FY27. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 reverts to the General Fund.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HB515 makes an appropriation to WNMU to create and support a men's baseball program. WNMU currently does not have a men's baseball team. The funding in HB515 is for two years, so it presumably will support the initial costs for starting the program, including going towards equipment, staff, and facilities. It is unclear how WNMU will continue to financially support the men's baseball program if it is successful and continues after FY27.

HB515 supports the creation of a men's baseball program, but there is no mention of support for a women's baseball program.

HB515 does not stipulate that the new men's baseball program would include a competitive intercollegiate team, but, considering that WNMU has other competitive intercollegiate teams, it is conceivable that the intention is to build an competitive intercollegiate men's baseball team.

#### PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

N/A

#### ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

WNMU will need staff to facilitate the creation and support of the new men's baseball program. It may be that the funding in HB515 will go towards those costs.

#### CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

2024 House Bill 214 (HB214) proposed the same amount in an appropriation for FY25 and FY26 and for the same purpose, but it was postponed indefinitely.

#### TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

#### OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

#### ALTERNATIVES

WNMU could seek alternative funding to create and support a new men's baseball program.

#### WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The appropriation in HB515 will not go to WNMU to create and support a men's baseball program.

#### AMENDMENTS

N/A