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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2025 REGULAR SESSION

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Date Prepared: February 18 2025 *Check all that apply:*
Bill Number: SB 411 Original Correction
 Amendment Substitute

Sponsor: Sen. Craig W. Brandt **Agency Name and Code** University of New Mexico-952
Short Title: Physician Loan Repayment Loan **Number:** _____
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26		
	15,000.0	non	Physician loan repayment fund
	(15,000.0)	non	SGF

(Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY25	FY26	FY27		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(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

Synopsis:

SB 411 enacts the Physician Loan Repayment Act, creates the physician loan repayment fund, and appropriates \$15,000,000 from the general fund to the physician loan repayment fund for expenditure in fiscal year 2026 and subsequent fiscal years. The Physician Loan Repayment Act directs the New Mexico higher education department to make grants to defray student loan debt of licensed medical and osteopathic physicians who are US citizens and New Mexico residents licensed under the Medical Practice Act. Applicants must agree to practice in and relocate to designated health professional shortage areas in New Mexico. Preference is to be given to physicians who have graduated from a New Mexico post-secondary educational institution. Awards can be made for up to four years and shall not exceed \$75,000 annually or \$300,000 in total.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

New Mexico has a shortage of roughly 1,000 physicians. Lack of providers limits access to healthcare, especially in rural areas.

In New Mexico, 30 of 33 counties are designated Health Professional Shortage Areas, and 60% of the population lives in rural communities. Living in rural America is associated with health disparities not seen in urban areas.

Loan repayment in return for service commitment is a well-established strategy for recruiting physicians to rural practice because it directly addresses the significant medical school debt many doctors carry and incentivizes them to work where healthcare providers are most needed.

Preferences for graduates of New Mexico post secondary institutions will help to keep New Mexico medical school graduates in New Mexico and will encourage New Mexicans who graduated from college in New Mexico but attended out-of-state medical schools to return to New Mexico to practice medicine.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS