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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Terrazas/Ramos/Brantley **LAST UPDATED** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ORIGINAL DATE** 2/24/2025  
**SHORT TITLE** WNMU Men's Baseball Team **BILL NUMBER** House Bill 515  
**ANALYST** Jorgensen

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

FY25	FY26	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$1,500.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.  
 \*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

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

Agency/Program	FY25	FY26	FY27	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>WNMU</b>	<b>No fiscal impact</b>	<b>\$750.0</b>	<b>\$750.0</b>	<b>\$1,500.0</b>	Recurring	<b>General Fund</b>

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### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From  
Higher Education Department (HED)

Agency Analysis was Solicited but Not Received From  
Western New Mexico University (WNMU)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of House Bill 515

House Bill 515 (HB515) appropriates \$1.5 million from the general fund to Western New Mexico University for the purpose of creating and supporting a men's baseball program in FY26 and FY27.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns if enacted, or June 20, 2025.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$1.5 million contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Although this bill does not specify future appropriations, multiyear appropriations create an expectation the program will continue in future fiscal years; therefore, this cost could become recurring after the funding period.

HB515 would create a recurring cost to maintain the men's baseball program. While the appropriation appears designed to provide \$750 thousand per year for 2 years, the on-going program costs would have to be built into the WNMU budget or the program would have to be terminated.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

It is unclear what the revenue source to sustain this program is after FY27. Additionally, there may be other implications regarding federal Title IX which requires that women and men be provided equitable opportunities to participate in sports.

WNMU received a general fund appropriation of \$3.2 million for athletics in FY25.

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