

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY02 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

NMSU provided a categorical priority list to the CHE which included funding for the Sloan digital sky survey. The NMSU board of Regents also recommended this project as a priority for funding.

The CHE, however, did not recommend expansion funding for this program.

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