

NOTE: As provided in LFC policy, this report is intended for use by the standing finance committees of the legislature. The Legislative Finance Committee does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of the information in this report when used in any other situation.

Only the most recent FIR version, excluding attachments, is available on the Intranet. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC office in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: Altamirano DATE TYPED: 02/15/01 HB _____
 SHORT TITLE: San Juan College Dental Programs SB 361
 ANALYST: Fernandez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 358.0			Recurring	G/F

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act Section 4, Higher Education

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate 361 appropriates \$358.0 from the general fund to the governing board of San Juan College (SJC) to support the dental assistant and dental hygienist programs.

Significant Issues

In 1997, as a response to the dental health professional community, the CHE formed a task force to address concerns for additional oral health personnel in New Mexico and the need for a career ladder model for dental education.

Since 1997, two-year institutions throughout the state have undertaken coordinated curriculum planning and infrastructure development to support dental assisting and dental hygiene training programs. CHE notes that dental education programs generate funding through the higher education funding formula.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$358.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2002 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

Included in HB2, Section 4, Higher Education is an appropriation of \$100.0 for the dental hygiene program at SJC.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

The following is provided for information only, it is not intended as a commentary on the merits of the program.

According to CHE, this project was submitted by SJC, governing board to CHE for funding consideration. SJC requested \$231.5 as part of the dental auxiliary consortium with other two-year institutions.

CTF/njw