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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Townsend DATE TYPED: 01/29/02 HB 74

SHORT TITLE: San Juan Nursing Program SB _____

ANALYST: Fernandez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$150.0			Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act Relates
 Duplicates SB 119

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

San Juan College (SJC)
 Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
 LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 74 appropriates \$150.0 from the general fund to San Juan College for the purpose of expanding nursing enrollment.

Significant Issues

According to SJC, this appropriation will allow the institution to fund the continuation of an expansion initiative begun in fall, 2001. Additional students were accepted in the Associate Degree nursing program and one additional faculty member was hired. This funding will allow SJC to hire a second and possibly a third faculty to accommodate another cohort of 42 students entering the nursing program each fall.

SJC estimates an increase in enrollment will provide an additional 12 – 14 nurses annually.

Included in HB2, is an additional appropriation in the amount of \$75.0 for SJC. The purpose of the funding is to address market salary needs, or to convert nursing faculty from a 9-month contract to a 12-month contract or to expand nursing student enrollments.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

SJC may expend the funds in fiscal years 2003 and 2004, after that the higher education funding formula will kick in and generate support for this program.

CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP

Relates to HB2. Included in HB2 is \$75.0 for SJC to expand the nursing program.

Duplicates SB119

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