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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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| SHORT TITLE | E: Statewide Nursing C | risis Study | | SB | 42 |
| ANALYST: | | | | (ST: | Carrillo |

APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained | | A | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
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| FY02 | FY03 | FY02 | FY03 | | |
| \$50.0 | | | | Non-Recurring | Board of Nurs- ing Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act

Relates to SB 31

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Board of Nursing Commission on Higher Education

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 42, Statewide Nursing Crisis Study, appropriates \$50.0 from the Board of Nursing Fund to the Board of Nursing for the purpose of a statewide study of the need for additional nurses and the types of education and training necessary to meet New Mexico's health care needs.

The appropriation is for expenditure in FY02 and FY03. SB42 contains an emergency clause.

Significant Issues

The Commission on Higher Education staff comments there is need for clear data on nursing supply and demand and effective strategies for improving the supply of qualified nurses in New Mexico. It is not clear how the appropriation in this bill will contribute to or duplicate current work by New Mexico Health Resources, the New Mexico Consortium for Nursing Workforce Development, the Health Policy Commission, and the Board of Nursing. Accurate data are provided by these agencies on the current workforce, national and state supply-demand, and professional recruitment and retention. For example, a study of current workforce supply funded with a 1999 legislative appropriation of \$150.0 from the Board of Nursing Fund will be concluded in June 2002. These groups are also actively generating updated strategies for long-term solutions to issues of nursing supply, demand, and quality.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense from the Board of Nursing Fund. The appropriation is authorized for expenditure in Fiscal Years 2002 and Fiscal Year 2003. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2003 shall revert to the Board of Nursing Fund.

RELATIONSHIP

SB 42 is related to SB 31, Nursing Excellence Program.

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