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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT



SPONSOR: Aragon DATE TYPED: 1-31-02 HB _____

SHORT TITLE: Graduation Education & Community Programs SB 166

ANALYST: Baca

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
	\$300.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act to HB 2

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)
LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 166 appropriates \$300.0 from the general fund to the University of New Mexico (UNM) Board of Regents to strengthen graduate education and community programs through expansion of academic research

Significant Issues

The following is provided for information only. It is not intended as a commentary on the merits of the bill:

This program request was not included in UNM's Board of Regents to budget request to the CHE and, thus, was not reviewed by the CHE.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPACT

According to CHE, this bill would add one more research/public service project to the current list of nine-four projects that are funded as separate line items outside the higher education funding for-

mula. CHE policy requires that each of these projects be subjected to a thorough evaluation once every four years to be eligible for continues funding. This evaluation process has been developed by the CHE to be consistent with the Accountability in government Act (AGA) mandated by the state legislature.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY2003 shall revert to the general fund.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Bill relates to House Bill 2, the General Appropriation Act which contains the FY2003 appropriation for UNM.

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