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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Campos DATE TYPED: 01/27/02	НВ	
SHORT TITLE	State Telecommunications Assessment & Network	SB	180
ANALYST:		Carrillo	

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		_		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY02	FY03	FY02	FY03		
\$500.0				Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in The General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Information Technology Management Office (ITMO)
Health Policy Commission (HPC)
Department of Labor (DOL)
Office of the State Engineer (OSE)
State Land Office (SLO)
New Mexico Gaming Control Board
Commission of Public Records
State Personnel Office (SPO)
Retiree Health Care Authority (RHCA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 180, State Telecommunications Assessment & Network, appropriates \$500.0 from the General Fund to the Information Technology Commission for the purpose of contracting for a technical quantitative assessment of the telecommunications infrastructure in the state and an implementation plan for development of a statewide network, to be referred to as "Enchantnet". The network will include educational institutions, health care entities, government agencies and the private sector.

The appropriation is authorized for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2002 and Fiscal Year 2003. The bill contains an emergency clause.

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Significant Issues

The Information Technology Management Office (ITMO) staff further states the ITMO in conjunction with the Office of Communications (General Services Department) is working on the MAGnet initiative which is addressing some of these issues as they relate to state agencies. As part of this initiative, a comprehensive communications architecture is being developed. This architecture and the work already accomplished in Carlsbad to aggregate state networks to increase broadband capacity and efficiencies has provided a template for the state. The ultimate goal of this initiative is to provide the telecommunications infrastructure necessary to take advantage of the WorldWideWeb and provide access through a variety of technologies to al of New Mexico.

ITMO staff states: "Rather than sponsoring a study to in some ways duplicate what has already been documented and accomplished, it may be a more prudent investment to use the appropriation to accelerate the MAGnet initiative. Specifically, incorporate into the MAGnet initiative or provide the funds to the ITMO for communications support MAGnet."

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 Fiscal Year 2003 shall revert to the General Fund.

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