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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Cordova, K. DATE TYPED 2/2/04 HB 264

SHORT TITLE Statewide Study on Effects of Gambling SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	\$100.0			Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Revenue Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

- New Mexico Lottery Authority (NMLA)
- Department of Health (DOH)
- New Mexico Gaming Control Board (NMGCB)

### SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 264 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico (UNM) for the Center of Alcoholism, Substance Abuse and Addictions (CASSA) to:

- evaluate the effects of gambling on the general population in New Mexico,
- evaluate the effectiveness of tribal and gaming control boards to address gambling
- develop a public service campaign to increase awareness of the effects of gambling.

Significant Issues

Studying the effects of gambling on the general population could become a large study requiring more than the proposed appropriation. In addition, defining the term “effect” must be defined at the outset of the study, and this activity could prove to be a difficult task. The analysis submitted by the NMGCB points out that no reference is made to compulsive race track gambling.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$100 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY05 shall revert to the general fund.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The NMGCB analysis reports funding that is provided by the tribes for compulsive gambling treatment and prevention is considered confidential under the 2001 tribal-sate. It is not known whether this will negatively impact the conduct of the study.

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