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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

**SPONSOR** Robinson      **DATE TYPED** 02/05/04      **HB** \_\_\_\_\_

**SHORT TITLE** UNM School of Nursing      **SB** 412

**ANALYST** Williams

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY04	FY05	FY04	FY05		
	500.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 91/SB 25, HB 341, HB359

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: HAFC-substitute for House Bill 2 includes \$1,388.9 for College of nursing along with \$1.3 million non-recurring general fund for nursing and teacher education programs.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Health Policy Commission  
Department of Health

No Responses Received  
Commission on Higher Education

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 412 appropriates \$500 thousand from the general fund to the board of regents of the University of New Mexico in FY05 to double the faculty and to pay costs to increase the number of candidates receiving instruction at the school of nursing.

Significant Issues

The bill states the funding would double the faculty; however, funding provided in this bill is inadequate to meet the sponsor's intent.

**FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$500.0 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY05 would revert to the general fund.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

DOH notes the severe nursing shortage nationally and in New Mexico and provides supporting data. Health Policy Commission notes New Mexico is below the national average for active registered nurses per 100,000 population.

DOH notes the proposal is consistent with the DOH Strategic Plan, Goal B for Program Area II: Assure access to and quality of basic health systems such as primary care, rural health (including community hospitals) and school health services.

DOH notes the bill does not address the immediate need for nurse professionals in the state and the need for educational support either during or after this educational period.

**POSSIBLE QUESTIONS**

1. Is this proposal consistent with the School of Nursing strategic plan?
2. How would performance outcomes be measured?

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