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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/7/06

SPONSOR Ezzell LAST UPDATED _____ HB 576

SHORT TITLE Chaves County Low Income Pharmacy Services SB _____

ANALYST Earp

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
\$200.0		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

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SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 576 appropriates \$200,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University for the Roswell branch campus to provide pharmacy services to low-income individuals in Chaves County through the Chaves County Community Pharmacy.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$200,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. The bill contains the Emergency Clause, therefore funding could be available for use in fiscal years 2006 and 2007. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This proposal was not included among the special program funding requests submitted by Eastern New Mexico to the Higher Education Department (HED) for review. Consequently, this proposal has not been included in the HED fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations to the Legislature.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

ENMU-Roswell would administer the proposed program, which would represent an expansion of services provided through the existing community pharmacy.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ENMU-Roswell is also the recipient of a \$50,000 Con Alma Health Foundation grant to fund a program through the ENMU-Roswell Community Pharmacy called “Meds for Kids”. Funding will be used to hire an outreach worker who will assist families in obtaining Medicaid or access to free medications through pharmacy company programs.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

Is the purpose of House Bill 576 to continue/expand the grant-funded program mentioned above, or to serve a different population of low-income individuals in Chaves County.

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