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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/27/2007

SPONSOR Picraux LAST UPDATED 2/3/2007 HB 169a/HEC

SHORT TITLE UNM Undergraduate Mentoring Programs SB _____

ANALYST McOlash

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$1,132.3	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB 273, SB 3, and HB 185

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)
Health Policy Commission (HPC)
University of New Mexico (UNM)

Responses not Received From

Higher Education Department

SUMMARY

Synopsis of the HEC Amendment

The House Education Committee amendment changes the bill title from “An Act Making an Appropriation for the Undergraduate to Medical School Mentoring Programs at the University of New Mexico” to “An Act Making an Appropriation for the Combined BA-MD Degree Programs at the University of New Mexico.” The title now more clearly reflects the content of the bill which provides assistance to medical students beginning as undergraduates and continuing through medical school.

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 169 appropriates \$1,132,300 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of the University New Mexico for expenditure in FY 2008 for the Health Sciences Center (HSC) to fund and administer the third year of programs in UNM’s BA-MD Program that provides consistent mentoring and training for medical students beginning as undergraduates and continuing through medical school.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1,132,300 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2008 shall revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The BA/MD program is designed to provide a pipeline for students to obtain a Bachelor of Arts Degree then a reserved space for a medical degree to ultimately provide physicians to serve New Mexico’s medically underserved areas. The program is also designed to encourage students to remain in New Mexico and practice medicine in rural areas.

The Legislative Finance Committee recommended \$4.0 million in HSC Instruction and General (I&G) expenditures for the BA/MD Program including the expansion.

The base (\$1,462,100) and the expansion (\$1,132,300) requests were submitted to the New Mexico Higher Education Department.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The program will expand the medical school class from 75 to 100 students per year because 25 New Mexico high school seniors will enter the program each year. The initial student cohort began at UNM in fall 2006. According to data from UNM, 141 students applied for the 2006 pool, and 91 were interviewed. Of this amount, 49 percent were from outside of the Albuquerque metropolitan area and 48 percent were underrepresented minority applicants. Average grade point average was 4.11, with an average ACT score of 26.6.

Eleven of the students were ranked No. 1 in their graduating class. The committee provides funds for programs that serve statewide

The UNM/HSC provides performance information in the FY 2008 request as follows:

	<u>FY 06 Actual</u>	<u>FY 07 Estimates</u>	<u>FY 08 Target</u>
# of BA/MD applicants	141	160	180
# admitted to BA/MA prg.	30	30	30
# admitted outside Bern. County	21	21	21
Faculty FTE supporting prg.	3.75	4.0	3.75
Staff FTE supporting prg.	5.0	1.0	3.0

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB 273 – appropriates \$198,800 for a UNM college mentoring program.

SB 3 (Small University Medical Student Recruitment) and HB 185 (Health Care Career Student Recruitment) – appropriate (SB 3) \$125,000 or \$250,000 (HB 185) to NMHU for a program that will better prepare undergraduate students from smaller universities for successful entry into medical school or other related health fields.

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