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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/09/2007

SPONSOR Miera LAST UPDATED 2/20/2007 HB 325/aHEC

SHORT TITLE Enlace Program at Certain Schools SB _____

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
\$2,000.0		Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB77, Relates to SB500

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)
Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HEC Amendment

House Education Committee Amendment for House Bill 325 increases the appropriation from \$1,200,000 to \$2,000,000. The additional \$800,000 will be distributed to San Juan college (\$400,000) and to Clovis community college (\$400,000).

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 325 appropriates \$1,200,000 from the General Fund to support ENLACE programs in FY 2007 and FY 2008 at these selected institutions:

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| 1. University of New Mexico | \$400,000 |
| 2. New Mexico State University | \$400,000 |
| 3. Santa Fe Community College | \$400,000 |

The bill restricts administrative costs to five percent of any appropriation.

The bill has an emergency clause.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$2,000, 000 contained in this House Education Committee amended 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.

The appropriations contained in this bill are intended to help sustain the three New Mexico ENLACE partnerships established through W.K. Kellogg Foundation grants as briefly described below.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

ENLACE is a multi-year initiative to strengthen the educational pipeline and increase opportunities for Latinos to enter and complete college. ENLACE consists of 13 partnerships in 7 states that are working to increase the number of Latino graduates from high school and college. In Spanish, "enlace" means link or weave together in such a way that the new entity is stronger than its parts. ENLACE partnerships include universities, community colleges, K-12 schools, community-based organizations, students, and parents.

ENLACE has evolved in three phases. In Phase 1, 18 higher education institutions in a number of states received one-year planning grants of \$100,000 each to respond to the needs of students and families by developing action plans based on best practices as well as local contexts. For Phase II, 13 partnerships in seven states received grants ranging from \$1.4 to \$2.0 million to implement their plans over four years. Implementation funds ended with the 2004-05 school year. A final phase will seek to sustain promising practices and ENLACE principles for the benefit of more Latino communities and underserved student populations.

This request was not on the list of priority projects submitted by the University of New Mexico, New Mexico State University, or the Santa Fe Community College to the HED for review and was not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Will the Phase III of ENLACE be funded entirely by the state?

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