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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/16/2007

SPONSOR Martinez, K LAST UPDATED HB 951

SHORT TITLE NMSU GRANTS ALLIED HEALTH PROGRAMS SB

ANALYST Moser

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$266.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

NM Department of Higher Education (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 951 requests \$266,000 to be appropriated from the General Fund in FY08 to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) to support allied health programs at the Grants campus.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$266,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Per the NMSU-Grants Campus Executive Officer, the funding would help:

- Create an allied health program
- Produce trained allied health specialists (for example, hematologists, Emergency Medical Technicians, and lab technicians)

- Fulfill the workforce needs of the healthcare systems in rural northwest New Mexico

Per the Executive Officer, funding would be used to hire appropriate faculty and purchase equipment and supplies for the labs.

This program is being developed in collaboration with the NMSU main campus. Most of the expenditure for this program will be shared by NMSU main campus and NMSU-Grants. The funding requested in this bill includes additional costs associated with establishing a clinical laboratory.

This request was submitted by NMSU-Grants in the amount of \$270,000 to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY08.

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