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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/21/08

SPONSOR Taylor LAST UPDATED _____ HB 73

SHORT TITLE San Juan College Health Sciences Center SB _____

ANALYST Haug

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$287.3	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)

No Response
San Juan College (SJC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 73 appropriates \$287.3 from the general fund to the Higher Education Department for programs at the health sciences simulation and teaching center at San Juan College.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$287.3 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2009 shall revert to the general fund.

This request was not submitted by SJC to NMHED for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY09.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

According to the HED, House Bill 73 funds would be used to create a simulated surgical suite

where all sterility procedures required for surgical technology can be practiced. In addition, all emergency room Intensive Care Units (ICUs) and emergency procedures for nursing, emergency medical services (EMS), and respiratory therapists can be simulated and training can occur so as to enhance student critical thinking skills. Medical Laboratory Technician (MLT) students will have the opportunity to receive training on automated equipment that is required by national accreditation standards.

The HED states:

According to the SJC School of Health Sciences website, the Health Sciences Simulation and Teaching Center currently does not exist; however a SJC administrator indicated that the building is underway.

A SJC administrator stated that the intent and goals of the Health Sciences Simulation and Teaching Center are:

- to use simulated situations to allow the health care student hands-on training prior to the student working with an actual patient with local hospital supervision; and
- to provide the Center the ability, through simulated training, to do continuing education and skill verification for procedures for currently employed health professionals and students.

The SJC administrator further indicated that the difference between the SJC center and others is the emphasis on practice rather than theory. The center will allow the health care student to work through and practice the psycho-motor skills required in various health care procedures. It will also allow health care students the means by which they can simulate rare and/or new procedures.

The SJC School of Health Sciences offers programs in Dental Hygiene, Emergency Medical Services, Health, Health and Human Performance, Health Information Technology, Nursing, Outdoor Leadership and Recreation, Physical Education, Physical Therapy Assistance, and Pre-Nursing.

The New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED) granted nursing program enhancement funds to several institutions for simulation equipment. San Juan College was not among the colleges receiving simulation funding: Luna Community College (\$34,000); Central New Mexico Community College (\$100,000); New Mexico State University-Carlsbad (\$150,000); Santa Fe Community College (\$58,740); University of New Mexico-Gallup (\$23,000). Figures for Clovis Community College, Eastern New Mexico University, Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell, New Mexico Highlands University, New Mexico Junior College, New Mexico State University, and the University of New Mexico were not readily available.

San Juan College did receive nursing program enhancement funding to develop the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) to Associate Doctor of Nursing (ADN) program, among other programs, but simulation funding was not among them.

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