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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/24/08

SPONSOR Gardner LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 233

SHORT TITLE ENMU Child Care Services SB \_\_\_\_\_

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### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$125.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)  
Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 233 appropriates \$125.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University to fund the expansion of child care services for students and staff for expenditure in Fiscal Year 2009 and subsequently.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$125.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of any fiscal year shall not revert to the general fund.

This request was submitted by ENMU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review, but is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY09.

The HED's evaluation table of FY09 Research and Public Service Projects provided to the LFC classifies this project as a "supports state priorities" project. Reasons for this classification decision are not provided. (LFC Report 07-20, Higher Education Department Review of Selected Research and Public Service Projects, January 12, 2008, Table 4, p73.)

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The HED states that according to ENMU, the funding for this program would start with approximately 25 children and expand from there. The customers of the child care services would be primarily student parents who would be able to drop their children off for a short term to attend classes. The program is not meant to compete with full-time child care centers in the community.

ENMU states that this bill addresses a major unmet need for students and staff at ENMU. This program will allow students to attend classes that otherwise would not be able to, will increase retention, and provide a safe, secure environment for their children.

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