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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/22/08

SPONSOR Morales LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE WNMU Athletic Program Needs SB 76

ANALYST Cox

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$540.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)  
Western New Mexico University (WNMU)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 76 requests making an appropriation to Western New Mexico University for recurring athletic program needs, declaring an emergency.

(Senate Bill 76 appropriates five hundred forty thousand dollars (\$540,000) from the general fund to the Board of Regents of Western New Mexico University to fund its Athletic Programs.

The Bill has an 'emergency' clause.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of five hundred forty thousand dollars(\$540,000) 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.

The HED's evaluation table of FY09 Research and Public Service Projects provided to the LFC classifies this project as a "does not fit within HED priorities for Higher Education" 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, p76.)

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

This Senate Bill requests an immediate appropriation of five hundred forty thousand dollars (\$540,000) be appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Western New Mexico University for expenditure in fiscal years 2008 through 2010 to fund increased travel expenses, conference commitments, staffing and equipment needs and gender equity requirements in athletic programs and to support rodeo competition

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