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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/18/09

SPONSOR Maestas LAST UPDATED _____ HB 611

SHORT TITLE Mathematical Analysis Of Gang Involvement SB _____

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APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$150.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Children, Youth and Families Department (CYFD)

No Responses Received From

University of New Mexico (UNM)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 611 appropriates \$150.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico to conduct a mathematical analysis of gang involvement statewide.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal Year 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED states that this request was not submitted by UNM to the HED for review and is not included in the Department's funding recommendation for FY10.

The LFC Appropriation Recommendations, Volume II, pages 364-365 states:

The committee has concerns about the growth of research and public service projects within the higher education budget, as well as the alignment of these projects with state goals and strategic plans. The committee also continues to have significant concerns about accountability and performance outcomes for these projects.

The committee recommendation reduces funding included in the HED request by varying levels from FY09 funding amounts for research projects, public service projects and P-20 pipeline projects focusing on students.

With respect to special projects, higher education institutions advanced 114 proposals for new projects and expansions at a total general fund cost of \$54 million during the HED budget request process in fall 2008.

According to the December 2008 revenue estimate, FY10 recurring revenue will only support a base expenditure level that is \$293 million, or 2.6 percent, less than the FY09 appropriation. All appropriations outside of the general appropriation act will be viewed in this declining revenue context.

The Executive Budget in Brief notes that over the years more than 300 RPSPs have been created, accounting for a large portion of institution budgets. The current RPSPs were reviewed while considering the relevance of the project to the core mission of the institution, the community benefit and the outcomes associated with each project. (Budget in Brief and Policy Highlights, P 9-10.)

The HED states that a gang is defined by the New Mexico Department of Public Safety Gang and Terrorism Task Force (NMGTF) as an organization, association, or group of three or more persons, whether formal or informal, which has a common name or has common identifying signs or symbols, whose members individually or collectively engage in criminal activity. NMGTF assists in the intervention and suppression of gang violence and activity, including compiling and analyzing data on gang trends. NMGTF also assists in developing and implementing statewide standardized methods for identifying, documenting, tracking and reporting gang-related activity.

The CYFD notes that currently the collection of gang data is not standardized throughout the state. While there is a New Mexico Gang Task Force funded through the New Mexico Department of Public Safety, data is gathered by various law enforcement entities and can only be accessed by those same entities. The Juvenile Justice correctional facilities maintain some data on gang issues as youth are committed to the facilities but the task force does not collect this information. Before a mathematical analysis could be completed, it would be necessary to ensure that all data sources are considered.

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