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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/27/09

SPONSOR B, Sanchez LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Albuquerque Youth Digital Media Training SB 122

ANALYST Haug

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 122 appropriates \$100.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the Department of Cinematic Arts to provide digital media training and outreach for youth in Albuquerque.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of Fiscal 2010 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED states 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.

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 notes that:

The Film and Digital Media Program will provide youth with experience and training in all creative, technical, and scientific aspects of film and digital media, with a special emphasis on serving New Mexico's culturally diverse citizens.

It is unclear how the funds will be spent on the youth outreach program. UNM could not provide a point of contact for this program. It appears there is currently not a digital and media youth outreach program in place at UNM, so the program would need to be established with staff and faculty. There is no indication of what types of outreach programs would be implemented with the funds nor how the programs would be marketed to recruit youth. There is also no indication as to where the programs would take place; whether they would be on or off campus is unknown.

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