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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/23/12

SPONSOR Park LAST UPDATED _____ HB 86

SHORT TITLE Burn Treatment & Prevention SB _____

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY12	FY13		
	\$50.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 86 would appropriate \$50 thousand to the Board of Regents of the University of New Mexico for the Burn Center at the University of New Mexico Hospital to provide multi-disciplinary care in the treatment of burn injuries and to provide community outreach and education to prevent the occurrences of burns.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$50 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2013 shall revert to the general fund.

The HED reports this request was not submitted by the University of New Mexico to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review. The HED has established a formal process for reviewing earmarked budget requests for higher education institutions. This process requires prior approval by the governing body of the university or college. It also provides for analysis of each request by HED, DFA and LFC. The HED recommends that requests that circumvent the formal review process not receive funding in the annual budget but be directed to be resubmitted for funding in FY14.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED notes that the Burn Unit at UNM Hospital (UNMH) is the only burn unit located in the state of New Mexico. The goals of the UNMH Burn Unit are:

- To meet the needs of the state and surrounding regions by providing outstanding multidisciplinary care in the treatment of all burn injuries including their physical, social, spiritual and psychological well-being, allowing patients and their families to heal and return to their previous lifestyles.
- Decrease the prevalence of burn injuries sustained through public education via community outreach.

The UNMH Burn Unit is currently seeking American Burn Association (ABA) Verification. Analogous to other accreditation processes, ABA Verification requires organizational structure, a specialized data base, pre-hospital care, and burn treatment equipment. In addition to these clinical requirements, burn centers receive verification by increasing public awareness of burn safety, injury prevention, and burn injury treatment through community outreach and education. Verification of burn centers is a joint program of the American Burn Association and the American College of Surgeons. It is a rigorous review program designed to verify a burn center's resources that are required for the provision of optimal care to burn patients from the time of injury through rehabilitation.

According to UNMH staff, the appropriation contained in HB86 would be used to support the activities required to obtain ABA Verification.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The HED comments that HB86 does not provide performance measures. If funded, UNM-HSC in collaboration with the Burn Center should develop performance measures in coordination with HED.

Obtaining ABA Verification for the UNMH Burn Unit is a possible measure of success.

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