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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/12/13
LAST UPDATED 02/24/13 **HB** 472

SPONSOR Garcia, MP

SHORT TITLE UNM Spanish Colonial Research Center **SB** _____

ANALYST Hartzler-Toon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$75.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act, University of New Mexico, Southwest Research Center

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 472 appropriates \$75 thousand from the general fund to the University of New Mexico to support the research and archiving tasks of the Spanish Colonial Research Center.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

For FY13, the UNM Southwest Research Center received \$1.07 million in general fund appropriations. The Spanish Colonial Research Center receives state support under this appropriation. For FY14, UNM requested the FY13 level of general fund support and not an increase in funding. House Bill 2 includes an appropriation of \$1.09 million for FY14, with increases for the 1.5 percent employer retirement contributions and 0.75 retirement increased employer contributions. Within this appropriation to the UNM Southwest Research Center, the Spanish Colonial Research Center would receive approximately \$118 thousand for FY14.

If HB472 is enacted, the Spanish Colonial Center would receive a total appropriation of approximately \$193 thousand, a 64 percent increase over FY13 general fund levels.

The appropriation of \$75 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY14 shall revert to the general fund. However, while the bill states that funds shall revert, if these funds are added to the existing appropriation in the General Appropriation Act (GAA), the funds will be non-reverting pursuant to language in Section 4 of the GAA.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Based on the Spanish Colonial Center's FY14 request for general fund appropriations, the center's purpose is to develop and maintain a Spanish colonial document collection from foreign archives. In furtherance of this purpose, the center publishes a journal, the Colonial Latin American Historical Review, and coordinates commemorative activities surrounding historical events with the U.S. National Park Service. The state's appropriation supports 3 faculty and professional staff FTE and a student worker, while other federal funds support additional student staff.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The center submits performance data to the Higher Education Department as part of the center's annual budget request. The center reports that it has seen an increase purchased subscriptions of the Colonial Latin American Historical Review, from over 300 in FY11 to nearly 900 in FY12.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

HB472 duplicates an appropriation provision in the General Appropriation Act.

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