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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE UNM Architecture School Community Outreach SB 55
ANALYST Roberts

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY13	FY14		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From
Higher Education Department (HED)
University of New Mexico (UNM)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 55 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to the board of regents of the University of New Mexico for the school of architecture and planning to be used for expanding community outreach activities of the design and planning assistance center.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 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 2014 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The HED reports that the UNM Design and Planning Assistance Center (DPAC) at the School of Architecture, has made positive impacts on economic and design development projects throughout many communities since 1969. Outreach efforts have resulted in community identification of critical infrastructure needs to initiate economic investment, business potentials and incubation, and establishment of community development corporations.

UNM cites that the mission of the DPAC is to deliver design and planning services to low income communities throughout the state of New Mexico. In the last 10 years, the students and faculty of the DPAC have redirected their focus to projects in small towns, and rural and frontier communities throughout the state. This bill will support sustainable economic development by enabling DPAC to work directly with community members to understand the community's culture, assess community assets, and analyze design and planning needs. DPAC will present design and planning recommendations to address specific needs and will collaborate with the community leaders and members to develop a roadmap of activities that the community can use to enhance its economic development.

UNM School of Architecture and Planning is the only institution in the state of New Mexico offering accredited professional degrees in architecture, landscape architecture and community and regional planning.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The board of regents of the University of New Mexico would be responsible for administering the funds for the school of architecture and planning for the purpose of expanding community outreach activities of the design and planning assistance center.

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