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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Padilla **ORIGINAL DATE** 02/04/14
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SHORT TITLE UNM Pain Management Center **SB** 186

ANALYST Hartzler-Toon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$1,100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY14	FY15	FY16	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total		\$1,100.0	\$1,100.0	\$2,200.0	Recurring	General Fund

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Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: Section 4J Higher Education, University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Department of Health (DOH)

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (UNM/HSC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 186 appropriates \$1.1 million from the general fund to the University of New Mexico (UNM) for a pain management center.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.1 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund for expenditure in FY15. The bill states that any unexpended or unencumbered balance

remaining at the end of FY15 shall revert to the general fund. If SB 186 or any appropriation for this program is added as a UNM/HSC research and public service project in the General Appropriation Act (GAA), Section 4, the appropriation would be considered recurring. (The FIR tables for this bill reflect a recurring appropriation.)

This program has not received general fund appropriations in the past. For FY15, UNM/HSC requested \$1.1 million in general fund support. Neither LFC or Executive recommended funding for FY15. UNM/HSC's budget request reports that the appropriation in SB 186 would support recurring expenses of 4.2 faculty FTE, 2.0 professional staff FTE, and a modest amount for student salaries. These faculty and staff would help provide and coordinate pain and addiction continuing medical education to New Mexican clinicians and monitor health outcomes related to chronic pain and unintentional, opiate-related overdoses.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Formed in 2011, the UNM pain consultation and treatment center is affiliated with UNM/HSC's clinical neurosciences center, providing comprehensive pain services: pain evaluations, additions psychiatry, myofacial pain management, interventional pain management, behavioral health, physical therapy, pharmacy, and nursing services. It is the only interdisciplinary pain program in the state and is the primary source for newly-required continuing medical education (CME) regarding pain and addiction for all medical providers who hold an active U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA) license and/or a N.M. Board of Pharmacy license.

According to DOH, the appropriation in SB 186 would expand the following UNM Pain Center initiatives:

- (1) Provide more CMEs as required for DEA-license holders;
- (2) Provide more clinical services to decrease the length of time patients have to wait to be seen at the pain center. The average wait to be seen at the pain center is six months after the initial referral; and
- (3) Hire more clinicians to open satellite services in Taos and Las Cruces and capitalizing on Project ECHO's telemedicine center to link physicians and experts, provide CMEs, and follow-up with pain center patients who have returned to their home communities.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

Currently, UNM/HSC does not include performance metrics for the pain center. If SB 186 is enacted, measures should be developed as part of the center's annual budget request. Further, HED recommends that UNM/HSC work with the department to develop such measures.

RELATIONSHIP

SB 186 relates to appropriations in the GAA for UNM and UNM/HSC.

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