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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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SHORT TITLE ENMU-Roswell Dental Hygiene Program **SB** 234

ANALYST Hartzler-Toon

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$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		\$100.0	\$100.0	\$200.0	Recurring	General Fund

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Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: Section 4J Higher Education

- Eastern New Mexico University – Roswell Branch
- New Mexico State University – Dona Ana Branch, Dental Hygiene Clinic (HB 7)
- San Juan College, Dental Hygiene Program

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

Department of Health (DOH)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 234 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for instructional costs related to the associate of applied science degree in dental hygiene program at ENMU's Roswell branch campus.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

As drafted, the appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY15 shall revert to the general fund. However, should this appropriation be included in Section 4 of the General Appropriation Act (GAA) as a line-item for the Roswell branch, the funding would be considered recurring and nonreverting unless explicitly stated. (The FIR tables for this bill reflect a recurring appropriation.)

The dental hygiene program at ENMU-Roswell has received general fund support in prior years. From FY07 through FY11, the program received general fund distributions from the HED. The amounts ranged from \$110 thousand (FY07) to a high of \$288.5 thousand (FY09). The program has not received general fund support since FY11, the college branch has received some level of instruction and general (I&G) formula funding for students in the program – whether as reimbursement for a portion of completed student credit hours or for statewide outcome measures (total awards granted and science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and health awards granted).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

DOH reports that New Mexico is experiencing a shortage of dental health care professionals. Nearly every county has been designated a federal health professional shortage area. The state ranks 49th in per capita for dentists. Under New Mexico's scope of practice laws, dental hygienists assist dentists, make preventative services more accessible, and assess oral health care of children and adults.

ENMU-Roswell is not accepting new students, with the eight current students graduating in December 2014. Additional funding would allow the program to reopen admissions.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

DOH noted that the SB 234 relates to the department's strategic plan addressing workforce needs and recruiting and retaining health care professionals in the state. HED noted that this program currently does not report performance as part of the annual budget process, but that measures should be developed if SB 234 is enacted.

RELATIONSHIP

SB 234 relates to ENMU-Roswell's line-appropriation in the GAA and San Juan College's line-appropriation in the GAA for its dental hygiene program. San Juan is the only other institution with a direct line-item in support of dental hygiene programs.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

The termination of ENMU-Roswell's dental hygiene program will be completed in academic year 2014-2015.

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