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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/28/2015

SPONSOR Ortiz Y Pino LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE UNM Geospatial and Population Studies Program SB 504

ANALYST Hartzler

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act, Section 4J Higher Education, University of New Mexico, Research and Public Service Projects, Geospatial and Population Studies/Bureau of Business Research

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From  
Higher Education Department (HED)

No Response Received From  
University of New Mexico (UNM)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 504 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to UNM's Geospatial and Population Studies Center/Bureau of Business Research to fund ongoing research related to poverty.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is recurring to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY16 shall not revert to the general fund. However, if this appropriation for the center is included in Section 4 of the General Appropriation Act, the funding will not revert to the general fund pursuant to legislative language governing that section.

In FY15, the center received nearly \$388 thousand in general fund appropriations to support its work. For FY16, UNM did not request additional funds for the center, and HB 2 as passed by the House includes a nearly \$388 thousand general appropriation to the center for FY16.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

HED reports that the center's current research related to poverty includes

- I. expanded population estimates and projections program, enhancing its accuracy and geographic coverage through implementation of cutting-edge research and development.
- II. conducted research that uses Census Bureau information and related data to analyze and describe the characteristics of New Mexico's population and industries.
- III. making socioeconomic and demographic data readily accessible and expand broad-based data dissemination efforts.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

The bill does not include performance measures. The Legislature and others who contract for information may wish set measures or guides for studying the population as it relates to New Mexicans in poverty.

### **RELATIONSHIP**

HB 2 includes an appropriation for the center.

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