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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Ortiz y Pino ORIGINAL DATE 3/4/15 HB _____
LAST UPDATED _____
SHORT TITLE Consider Renaming NMHU School of Social Work SM 120
ANALYST Peterson

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY15	FY16		
N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Not Received From

New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Semite Memorial 120 requests that the board of regents at NMHU to consider renaming the School of Social Work in honor of Facundo B. Valdez.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The school of social work at NMHU has been accredited through 2020. The school of social work offers the master of social work degree program at the main campus in Las Vegas and at the school's four campuses in Albuquerque, Rio Rancho, Farmington and Roswell.

Facundo B. Valdez was instrumental in shaping the school of social work at NMHU. Facundo earned both his undergraduate and master's degrees from NMHU. Facundo went on to become an associate professor of social work and director of the social work program that shaped the university's social work education program. Under Facundo's direction, both programs were implemented and gained full accreditation from the council on social work education.

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Additionally, in Facundo's career he was a consultant on rural problems for the National Volunteers in Service to America program and a consultant to rural community development at the University of Oklahoma and also at the University of Colorado. Facundo remained active in championing educational and mental health causes until his death on August 3, 2014.

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