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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/28/19

SPONSOR Montoya LAST UPDATED 1/29/19 HB 270

SHORT TITLE Coordinate Nursing Education Programs SB _____

ANALYST Hawker

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation					Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20	FY21	FY22	FY23		
	\$500.0				Recurring	General Fund

Parenthesis () indicate expenditure decreases

Relates to SB 137

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center (UNMHSC)
 Higher Education Department (HED)
 New Mexico State University (NMSU)
 Regulation and Licensing Department (RLD)
 Santa Fe Community College (SFCC)

Other Responses Received From

New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 270 appropriates \$500 thousand to University of New Mexico Health Sciences Center to support the efforts of the New Mexico Nursing Education Consortium (NMNEC) which includes managing a common nursing education curriculum and to improve outcomes in undergraduate nursing programs.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund.

Higher education institutions in New Mexico do not revert unexpended funding back to the state's general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HB 270 provides funding to support NMNEC, a collaborative of all state-funded nursing programs in New Mexico. NMNEC has supported the development of a statewide curriculum for the Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN). Community colleges in New Mexico partner with universities to provide the BSN using this curriculum. For example, New Mexico State University partners with NMSU–Grants. UNM partners with San Juan College, Santa Fe Community College, New Mexico Junior College, and Central New Mexico Community College. Western New Mexico University partners with Luna Community College.

This partnerships between New Mexico's community colleges and universities has allowed for the expansion of access to the BSN for nursing students throughout the state. NMNEC assists with the coordination of the common state-wide curriculum for Associates and Bachelor's degree nursing programs. Additionally NMNEC provides nursing faculty with professional development opportunities, nursing program assessment, and is currently developing a state-wide simulation-based teaching and learning curriculum for nursing programs.

In prior years, NMNEC's work was funded through private grants awarded to the HSC. Those grants have expired.

This request was not submitted to HED for possible incorporation into the HED higher education funding recommendation. HED has a formal process for reviewing earmarked budget requests for higher education institutions when developing the HED funding recommendation.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

SB 137 appropriates \$360 thousand for the same purpose

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