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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Payne ORIGINAL DATE 2/16/19
LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____
SHORT TITLE UNM Veteran Student Services SB 573
ANALYST Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$290.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

FY20 LFC Appropriation Recommendation includes \$250.0.

FY20 Executive Appropriation Recommendation includes \$290.0.

Responses Received From

New Mexico Independent Community Colleges

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 594 appropriates \$290 thousand from the general fund to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of supporting veterans' student services.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$290 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall not revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

As a new component to the existing UNM Veteran Resource Center (VRC), Veteran Student Services (VSS) would significantly advance UNM's efforts to support the success (academic and life transition) of student veterans and their affiliates on campus and within the community. Using national best practices, staff would work with academic units to develop curriculum to advance the Veteran Bridge Program concept. The Veteran Bridge Program is envisioned as a transitional education program to aid students and their affiliates as they transition into higher

education, find success in the university setting, become empowered in the community, and continue career development. The goal is to enhance the academic environment by promoting interests, professional development needs, and rights. Staff would also serve as advisors for financial support, educational resources, and community engagement opportunities.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

The attachment provides performance data for this Veterans Resource Center.

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