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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Candelaria ORIGINAL DATE 3/12/19
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE UNM Child Well-Being Initiatives SB 634

ANALYST Valenzuela

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY19	FY20		
	\$1,800.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act: HB2 includes \$150.0

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

FY20 LFC Appropriation Recommendation

Responses Received From

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 634 appropriates \$1.8 million from the general fund to UNM Health Sciences Center for the purpose of improving child well-being initiatives.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$1.8 million contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund. While SB634 states unexpended funds at the end of FY20 shall revert to the general fund, colleges and universities do not revert unexpended balances to the state general fund at yearend.

House Bill 2 contains an appropriation of \$150 thousand for this specific purpose, but also increased the UNM HSC general fund budget by \$1.9 million over the FY19 operating budget level. UNM HSC received an additional \$150 thousand for Project ECHO under House Bill 2 et al. Additionally, SB 536 includes \$514 thousand for Project ECHO.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Child Abuse Response Team (CART) at UNM Health Sciences Center is the only group of its kind in the State of New Mexico. Its medical director is the only board certified child abuse expert in the state. CART sees approximately 300 children per year. Due to staffing issues, they are unable to see all the children who need services. According to UNM HSC, the additional funding would allow them to see up to 700 children per year, to invest physician time into a Child Well-Being ECHO and telemedicine services, and to hire case managers to navigate families to community services where appropriate.

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