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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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| SPONSOR | <u>Ortiz y Pino</u> | LAST UPDATED | <u>2/21/2023</u> |
| | | ORIGINAL DATE | <u>1/27/2023</u> |
| SHORT TITLE | <u>Med Student Prep for Underserved</u> | BILL NUMBER | <u>Senate Bill 88/aSEC</u> |
| | | ANALYST | <u>Jorgensen</u> |

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY23 | FY24 | | |
| | \$500.0 | Recurring | General |

Parentheses () indicate expenditure decreases.

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

Relates to appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Department of Health (DOH)

University of New Mexico (UNM)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of SEC Amendment to Senate Bill 88

The Senate Education Committee amendment to Senate Bill 88 increases the appropriation from \$250 thousand to \$500 thousand.

Synopsis of Original Bill

Senate Bill 88 (SB88) appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to the University of New Mexico for the purpose of funding a program that prepares medical students to practice in underserved areas. Unspent balances will revert to the general fund at the end of FY24.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect June 16, 2023, (90 days after the Legislature adjourns) if signed into law.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Because the appropriation of \$500 thousand contained in this bill relates to ongoing activities, it is considered a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY24 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Department of Health notes that 32 of New Mexico's 33 counties contain health provider shortage areas as designated by the federal Health Resources and Services Administration, and that these area and sub-populations are estimated to have less than half the supply of professionals needed by the target population.

UNM reports:

The Rural and Urban Underserved Program (RUUP) was established and funded with a federal grant, which has ended and is no longer available for continued funding. Its purpose is to train medical students for successful careers working in medically underserved communities. No similar training program exists for medical students in NM. With the funds from SB 88, the School of Medicine (SOM) can continue to operate RUUP. Funding from this appropriation will provide temporary housing for students when training in rural communities, and faculty/staff support for organizing seminars, conferences, mentorship experiences, clinical training in underserved communities and academic support.

UNM requested five new research and public service projects (RPSP) for FY24, including \$163 thousand from the general fund for the rural and urban underserved program (RUUP) which was not included in either the executive or the LFC recommendation for higher education institutions.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

The General Appropriation Act as passed by the House includes \$200 thousand in the research and public service projects housed within the Health Sciences Center for the rural and urban underserved program; more than the \$163 thousand requested by UNM for the program.

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