

**2015 Regular Legislative Session – Briefing: January 28, 2015**

The 2015 legislative session commenced with falling oil prices and diminishing state revenues. The LFC and DFA revenue projections were estimated at \$283 million of “new money” in August and \$141 million of “new money” in December. The two agencies will release a new estimate in early February. Additionally, the two agencies are anticipating \$231 million in Severance Tax Bonds available for capital projects. The following summarizes how UNM fared in the DFA and LFC budget recommendations for FY 16:

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**➤ DFA – Department of Finance and Administration – Executive**

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY 15 operating base:
  - Main Campus, \$191,251,400, a \$2,103,500 increase or 1.1%
  - Health Science Center, \$62,331,600, no increase recommended
  - Branch Campuses
    - Gallup, \$9,272,300, no increase recommended
    - Los Alamos, \$1,886,000, a -\$19,100 decrease or -1.0%
    - Taos, \$3,548,700, a \$60,400 increase or 1.7%
    - Valencia, \$5,568,200, a \$22,400 increase or 0.4%
- Research and Public Service Projects
  - Main Campus
    - No increases recommended
  - Health Science Center
    - Medical Residencies, \$1,810,000, a \$905,000 increase
  - Branch Campuses
    - No increases recommended

**➤ LFC – Legislative Finance Committee**

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY 15 operating base:
    - Main Campus, \$193,890,300, a \$4,742,400 increase or 2.5%
    - Health Science Center, \$62,799,100, a \$467,000 increase or 0.75%
    - Branch Campuses
      - Gallup, \$9,272,300, no increase recommended
      - Los Alamos, \$1,903,300, a -\$1,800 decrease or -0.1%
      - Taos, \$3,593,600, a \$105,300 increase or 3.0%
      - Valencia, \$5,652,500, a \$106,700 increase or 1.9%
  - Research and Public Service Projects
    - Main Campus
      - Degree Mapping Program, \$200,000
    - Health Sciences Center
      - Project Echo \$300,000
      - Medical Residencies, \$1,810,000, a \$905,000 increase
      - Office of Medical Investigator, \$50,000
    - Branch Campuses
      - No increases recommended
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➤ **Lottery Scholarship:**

- For FY 16, the Executive budget has requested a \$6.5 million non-recurring general fund appropriation to maintain the lottery scholarship disbursement at 95% of tuition for the next three semesters.

➤ **Compensation**

- With dwindling state revenues, neither the Legislative Finance Committee nor the Department of Finance Administration recommended a state wide compensation package for public employees.

➤ **Endowment & Economic Development**

- The LFC budget has recommend \$5 million for the higher education endowment fund. This recommendation is contingent on the passage of legislation that would change how the fund is disbursed.
- The Executive budget has recommended \$2.5 million to replenish the higher education endowment fund. This recommendation is for targeted positions and is contingent on the passage of legislation.
- The Executive budget has recommend \$1 million for the Technology Research Commission (TRC)

➤ **SB 159, Severance Tax Bond Projects, Senator Carlos Cisneros:**

UNM – Interdisciplinary Science and Education Building	\$ 500,000
HSC – Health Education Building Phase 3	\$ 6,000,000
UNM GALLUP – Construction Technologies Career Center	\$ 350,000
UNM TAOS – Career Technical Center	\$ 90,000
UNM VALENCIA – Chilled Water System	\$ 150,000
<b>UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TOTAL</b>	<b>\$ 7,090,000</b>

➤ **Proposed Legislation of Interest.**

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- UNM Related:

<a href="#">HB66</a>	INVESTMENT IN NM TECH COLLABORATIVE COMPANIES	Trujillo, Carl	HPREF [3] HEC/HWMC-HEC	AMENDING A SECTION OF THE SEVERANCE TAX BONDING ACT TO REQUIRE THE STATE INVESTMENT COUNCIL TO INVEST ONE-FOURTH PERCENT OF THE MARKET VALUE OF THE SEVERANCE TAX PERMANENT FUND IN NEW MEXICO BUSINESSES THAT ARE APPROVED BY THE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE; TRANSFERRING THE FISCAL ADMINISTRATION OF THE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE FROM THE NEW MEXICO INSTITUTE OF MINING AND TECHNOLOGY TO THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT; CHANGING THE COMPOSITION OF THE BOARD OF THE TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH COLLABORATIVE.
<a href="#">SB11</a>	SCHOLARSHIP FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS	Candelaria, Jacob R.	SPREF [1] SEC/SFC-SEC	RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; ESTABLISHING A SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM FOR NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS.
<a href="#">SB89</a>	UNM BRAIN SAFE PROGRAM	Moores, Mark	SPREF [1] SEC/SFC-SEC	APPROPRIATES \$3,000,000 (GF) TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO FOR EXPENDITURE IN FY 2016 FOR THE BRAIN SAFE PROGRAM FOR UNIVERSITY ATHLETES.

- Health Sciences Center Related:

<a href="#">HB121</a>	USE OF NURSE EDUCATORS FUND	McMillan, Terry H.	HPREF	RELATING TO NURSING EDUCATION; ALLOWING ANY REGISTERED NURSE WHO IS OR WILL BE A NURSE EDUCATOR TO USE THE NURSE EDUCATORS FUND TO OBTAIN A HIGHER DEGREE.
<a href="#">SB22</a>	DRUG OVERPRESCRIBING HOTLINE	Padilla, Michael	SPREF [1] SPAC/SJC/SFC-SPAC	APPROPRIATES \$250,000 TO THE BOARD OF PHARMACY FOR FY 2016 TO DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM TO ESTABLISH A PROGRAM TO ADDRESS THE OVERPRESCRIBING OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES, WHICH PROGRAM SHALL INCLUDE A 24-HOUR TELEPHONE HOTLINE AND A PUBLICLY ACCESSI
<a href="#">SB53</a>	ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ACT	Papen, Mary Kay	SPREF [1] SPAC/SJC/SFC-SPAC	(FOR THE LEGISLATIVE HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMITTEE AND THE COURTS, CORRECTIONS AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE) PROPOSES THE ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT ACT TO PROVIDE A FRAMEWORK FOR ASSISTED OUTPATIENT TREATMENT FOR CERTAIN PERSONS WITH MENTAL ILLNESS. CO

- Budget and Capital Outlay Related:

<a href="#">HB2</a>	GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2015	Larrañaga, Larry A.	[3] HAFC	MAKING GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY STATE AGENCIES REQUIRED BY LAW.
<a href="#">SB159</a>	SEVERANCE TAX BOND PROJECTS	Cisneros, Carlos R.	SPREF [3] SFC	RELATING TO CAPITAL EXPENDITURES; AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF SEVERANCE TAX BONDS; AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FROM CERTAIN FUNDS AND BALANCES; CLARIFYING CONDITIONS FOR THE ISSUANCE OF BONDS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF SEVERANCE TAX BOND