

2016 Legislative Session – Briefing: January 25, 2016

The 2016 legislative session, similar to the 2015 legislative session, commenced with falling oil prices and diminishing state revenues. The Consensus Revenue Estimate predicted \$293 million of “new money” in August, and \$232 million of “new money” in December. The Consensus Revenue group is planning to release a new estimate later this week and we anticipate the “new money” being reduced again. Additionally, the Consensus Revenue group is anticipating \$140 million in Severance Tax Bonds, but due to the volatility in the oil market, this estimate could also be revised downward. The General Obligation Bond is estimated at \$187 million. The following summarizes how UNM fared in the DFA and LFC budget recommendations for FY 17:

➤ DFA – Department of Finance and Administration – Executive

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY 16 operating base:
 - Main Campus, \$193,136,300, a \$1,872,300 increase or 0.98%
 - Medical School, \$62,331,600, no increase recommended
 - Branch Campuses
 - Gallup, \$9,337,800, a \$15,500 increase or 0.2%
 - Los Alamos, \$1,889,100, a \$3,100 increase or 0.2%
 - Taos, \$3,614,600, a \$69,700 increase or 2.0%
 - Valencia, \$5,623,400, a \$27,500 increase or 0.5%
- Research and Public Service Projects
 - Main Campus, \$9,816,000, a decrease of 0.2%
 - Health Science Center, \$33,875,000, a \$250,000 increase or 0.7%
 - Branch Campuses, no reductions

➤ LFC – Legislative Finance Committee

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY 16 operating base:
 - Main Campus, \$193,270,600, a \$2,106,600 increase or 1.1%
 - Medical School, \$62,136,300, no increase recommended
 - Branch Campuses
 - Gallup, \$9,356,400, a \$34,100 increase or 0.4%
 - Los Alamos, \$1,894,100, a \$8,100 increase or 0.4%
 - Taos, \$3,616,500 a \$71,200 increase or 2.0%
 - Valencia, \$5,636,300 a \$40,400 increase or 0.7%
- Research and Public Service Projects
 - Main Campus, \$9,729,500, a -1.1% decrease
 - Health Sciences Center, \$34,487,600, a 2.7% increase
 - Branch Campuses, no reduction

➤ Lottery Scholarship:

- There are some pieces of legislation that have been introduced, however, none of these bills increase the revenue to the Lottery Scholarship nor do they change the eligibility requirements.

➤ Compensation

- With the likelihood of dwindling state revenues, the Legislative Finance Committee’s \$70 million compensation package could be the first casualty of the upcoming state revenue projections. The Executive recommended targeted pay raises for “hard to fill” positions like social workers, IT employees, and correctional guards.

➤ **SB 122, General Obligations Bonds, Senator Carlos Cisneros:**

UNM – Physics and Astronomy Interdisciplinary Science	\$27,000,000
UNM GALLUP – Physical Plant	\$ 1,500,000
UNM LOS ALAMOS – Infrastructure	\$ 500,000
UNM TAOS – Career Technical Center	\$ 4,000,000
UNM VALENCIA – Infrastructure	\$ 1,500,000
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TOTAL	\$34,500,000

➤ **Proposed Legislation of Interest.**

- Please visit the Office of Government Relations website at <http://govrel.unm.edu/>, and click on 2016 Legislative Session for a list of all bills that impact UNM. Please sign up to join our listserv for updates.
- UNM Related:

HB38	CRITERIA FOR DISPOSITION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY	Representative Conrad James	HPREF [1] not prmtd-HRC	AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY DISPOSITION; ADJUSTING AND CLARIFYING THE CRITERIA FOR THE DISPOSITION OF OBSOLETE, WORN-OUT OR UNUSABLE TANGIBLE PERSONAL PROPERTY.
HB40	CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR CERTAIN COLLEGE STAFF	Representative William "Bill" R. Rehm	HPREF [1] not prmtd-HRC	AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROVIDING EMPLOYMENT CONTRACT PROVISIONS FOR PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS' PRESIDENTS, ATHLETIC PROGRAM DIRECTORS AND ATHLETIC PROGRAM STAFF.
SB29	COLLEGE CREDIT FOR MILITARY TRAINING	Senator Craig W. Brandt	SPREF [1] SCC/SEC/SPAC-SCC	AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR DEGREE PROGRAM CREDIT FOR MILITARY COURSEWORK OR MILITARY SERVICE.
SB103	EXPAND LOTTERY SCHOLARSHIP ELIGIBILITY	Senator William P. Soules	SPREF [1] SCC/SEC/SFC-SCC	AN ACT RELATING TO HIGHER EDUCATION; PROVIDING FOR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE LEGISLATIVE LOTTERY TUITION SCHOLARSHIP TO STUDENTS WHO ATTEND A PUBLIC POST-SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTION WITHIN EIGHTEEN MONTHS FOLLOWING HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION, RECEIPT OF A HIG

- Health Sciences Center Related:

HB122	COUNTY HOSPITAL PROPERTY TAXES & TRANSFERS	Representative William "Bill" R. Rehm	HPREF [1] not prmtd-HRC	AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION; REDUCING AUTHORIZED PROPERTY TAX RATES FOR CLASS A COUNTY HOSPITAL FUNDING AND FOR TRANSFERS TO THE COUNTY-SUPPORTED MEDICAID FUND.
SB42	UNM PAIN MANAGEMENT CENTER	Senator Michael Padilla	SPREF [1] SCC/SPAC/SFC-SCC [3]germane-SPAC	AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TO SUPPORT THE PAIN MANAGEMENT CENTER AT THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO.
SB61	EXPAND UNM PROJECT ECHO PROGRAM	Senator Nancy Rodriguez	SPREF [1] SCC/SPAC/SFC-SCC [3]germane-SPAC	AN ACT MAKING AN APPROPRIATION TO THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO SCHOOL OF MEDICINE TO MAINTAIN AND EXPAND THE PROJECT ECHO PROGRAM TO IMPROVE HEALTH OUTCOMES FOR RURAL AND UNDERSERVED NEW MEXICANS.

- Budget and Capital Outlay Related:

HB2	GENERAL APPROPRIATION ACT OF 2016	Representative Larry A. LarraAsaga	[1] H AFC	AN ACT MAKING GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS AND AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES BY STATE AGENCIES REQUIRED BY LAW.
HB219	SEVERANCE TAX BOND PROJECTS	Representative Jason C. Harper	[2] H WMC	AN ACT 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 T
SB122	GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECTS	Senator Carlos R. Cisneros	SPREF [2] SCC/SFC-SCC	AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE AND SALE OF CAPITAL PROJECTS GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS TO MAKE CAPITAL EXPENDITURES FOR SENIOR CITIZEN FACILITY IMPROVEMENTS AND ACQUISITIONS, FOR LIBRARY ACQUISITIONS, FOR PRE-KINDERGARTEN CLASSROOM CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS