

2020 Legislative Session – Briefing: February 11, 2020

➤ HAFC – House Appropriations and Finance Committee, HB2 Committee Substitute

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY20 operating base:
 - Main Campus: \$196,517,800, a \$2,317,400 increase or 1.2%
 - Medical School/HSC: \$62,917,000, a \$709,800 increase or 1.1%
 - Branch Campuses:
 - Gallup: \$8,884,000, a \$5,600 increase or 0.1%
 - Dual Credit Adjustment \$15,600
 - Los Alamos: \$1,905,900, a \$41,800 increase or 2.2%
 - Dual Credit Adjustment \$65,300
 - Taos: \$3,792,600, a \$152,400 increase or 4.2%
 - Dual Credit Adjustment \$227,100
 - Valencia: \$5,770,700, a \$141,100 increase or 2.5%
 - Dual Credit Adjustment \$282,300
- Research and Public Service Projects
 - Main Campus: \$11,607,000, increase of \$1,440,000
 - **Network of Educators \$400,000**
 - **Chicana Chicano Studies Graduate Internships \$100,000**
 - **Charlie Morrissey \$90,000**
 - **African American Student Services \$50,000**
 - **African Studies Program \$300,000**
 - **Soft Skills at UNM Student Services \$500,000**
 - Health Science Center: \$32,828,000, increase of \$2,867,700
 - **Cancer Center Sustainability \$2 million**
 - **Physician’s Assistant \$373,000**
 - **Bioscience Authority \$250,000**
 - **Graduate Nursing Education \$243,900**
 - Branch Campuses: \$571,500, flat funding
- **Senate Finance Committee Amendments to HB2**
 - **\$4.5 M for 3 research universities in response to \$5M for community college and comprehensive universities for dual credit**
 - **Opportunity scholarship \$**

➤ Bills of Impact

- **HB14: Governor’s Opportunity Scholarship**
 - **HB14, Opportunity Scholarship Act**
 - Creates the Opportunity Scholarship Act, administered by the Higher Education Department, to provide scholarships for tuition and fees to qualified students who are “recent graduate learners” and “returning student learners” at public postsecondary institutions and tribal colleges in New Mexico. Creates the Opportunity Scholarship Fund.
 - \$35 million estimated annual cost
 - Last Dollar scholarship funding
 - Mirrors lottery scholarship eligibility and qualifying semester

- **SB323/HB14 Committee Substitute, Opportunity Scholarship Act**
 - \$26 million appropriation
 - Removes Pell Grants from total scholarship award
 - Two-phases:
 - Year one: covers students from community colleges and comprehensive university seeking certificates and associate's degrees.
 - Year two: fiscal year 22, \$45 million annual cost includes comprehensive and research universities for bachelor's degrees
 - Mirrors lottery scholarship eligibility and qualifying semester
- **HB14, Committee Substitute**, passed House Education Committee 11-2 and is waiting to be scheduled in House Appropriations and Finance Committee
- **SB110 Public Sector Collective Bargaining Changes**
 - Grants labor organizations certain access to public employees and their information; grants local labor relations boards the same powers and duties as are now reserved to the Public Employee Labor Relations Board; also abolishes all current local labor relations boards unless they elect to continue to operate under certain conditions; makes changes to the election requirements for a labor organization to be certified as the exclusive representative of a bargaining unit; clarifies the scope of collective bargaining agreements; makes other changes relating to public employees and collective bargaining.
 - Committee Sub updates
- **HB46, Education Retirement Contribution Increases and Solvency Measures**
 - Tabled in House Appropriation and Finance Committee
- **SB111, ERA Retiree Return to Work Changes**
 - Amends the Educational Retirement Act to modify conditions of retirement for retired members who return to work at one-quarter-time or less, or who earn less than \$15,000 annually, or who work as day-to-day substitutes.
 - Eliminates a requirement that would have taken effect as of July 1, 2020 for members who return to work at one-quarter or less and their employers to make nonrefundable contributions to the Educational Retirement Fund without accruing service credit for that employment.
 - Senate Finance Committee amendment allows for PERA employees to return to work without paying into ERB.

➤ **Compensation:**

- The Executive and Legislative Branches both recommended a pay increase for state employees this session. The Executive recommended a 2% pay increase and Legislature recommended a 3% pay increase. Both agencies have revamped how they calculate compensation; the Legislative compensation calculation includes 70% of employees paid from I&G and the Executive adopted the Council of University Presidents' compensation calculation which captures 88% of our employees.
- House Appropriations and Finance Committee recommended a 3% pay increase at the 70% compensation calculation.

➤ **General Obligation Bond, Legislative Recommendation:**

UNM – Academic and Research Infrastructure	\$13,500,000
UNM HSC – College of Nursing and Population Health	\$30,000,000
UNM GALLUP – Center for Career Technologies Education	\$ 3,000,000
UNM LOS ALAMOS – Workforce Development/CTE Class Lab	\$ 1,500,000
UNM VALENCIA – Fire Safety Improvement	\$ 1,800,000
<u>UNM TAOS – Security and Safety Improvements</u>	<u>\$ 2,250,000</u>
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TOTAL	\$52,050,000

➤ **Additional Legislation of Interest**

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