

**2018 Legislative Session – Briefing: January 22, 2018**

The 2018 legislative session started on a positive note compared to the previous two sessions. In December, the Consensus Revenue Estimate predicted \$199 million in new money for FY19. The Consensus Revenue group is expected to release new revenue estimates soon. The Severance Tax Bonds are estimated at \$142 million, \$80 million more than the previous year, and the General Obligation Bonds are estimated at \$165 million for FY19. The following summarizes how UNM fared in the DFA and LFC budget recommendations.

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

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY18 operating base:
  - Main Campus: \$176,365,576, a \$542,376 increase or 0.31%
  - Medical School: \$57,201,100, flat funding recommendation
  - Branch Campuses:
    - Gallup: \$8,172,459, a \$234,641 decrease or -2.79%
    - Los Alamos: \$1,693,414 a \$16,986 decrease or -0.99%
    - Taos: \$3,302,184, a \$28,084 increase or 0.86%
    - Valencia: \$5,130,499, a \$4,701 decrease or -0.09%
- Research and Public Service Projects
  - Main Campus: \$8,730,100, flat funding
  - Health Science Center: \$31,980,900, a \$1 million increase for OMI
  - Branch Campuses: \$571,500, flat funding

**➤ LFC – Legislative Finance Committee**

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY18 operating base:
  - Main Campus: \$176,156,970, a \$333,770 increase or 0.19%
  - Medical School: \$57,201,100, flat funding recommendation
  - Branch Campuses:
    - Gallup: \$8,262,706, a \$144,394 decrease or -1.72%
    - Los Alamos: \$1,699,947, a \$10,453 decrease or -0.61%
    - Taos: \$3,291,382, a \$17,282 increase or 0.53%
    - Valencia: \$5,132,307, a \$2,893 decrease or -0.06%
- Research and Public Service Projects
  - Main Campus: \$8,730,100, flat funding
  - Health Science Center: \$30,980,900, flat funding
  - Branch Campuses: \$571,500, flat funding

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**➤ Lottery Scholarship:**

- Even though there has been much discussion during the interim about possible changes to the Lottery Scholarship, as of now, no legislation has been introduced. However, the LFC recommended a one-time funding increase of \$4 million from the General Fund to keep the Lottery Scholarship distribution at the FY18 level of approximately 60%.

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**➤ Compensation:**

- The LFC and DFA both recommended a pay increase for state employees this session. The LFC recommended a 1.5% pay increase and DFA recommended a 1.0% pay increase. However, the actual dollar amount recommended by the LFC for UNM is below 1.5% due to the way they calculate who is actually a state employee.

➤ **General Obligation, LFC Recommendation:**

UNM – Clark Hall Renovation Phase 2	\$16,000,000
UNM GALLUP – Construction Technologies Career Center Phase 1	\$ 2,500,000
UNM LOS ALAMOS – Infrastructure and Classroom Updates	\$ 300,000
UNM TAOS – College Pathways to Careers Center	\$ 4,200,000
<b>UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TOTAL</b>	<b>\$23,000,000</b>

➤ **Proposed Legislation of Interest.**

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