

2019 Legislative Session – Briefing: January 29, 2019

The 2018 legislative session started on a very high note compared to the previous. In December, the Consensus Revenue Estimate predicted \$1.1 billion in new money for FY20 and an additional \$1 billion in non-recurring revenue. The Severance Tax Bonds are estimated at \$212 million, \$40 million more than the previous year. The following summarizes how UNM fared in the DFA and LFC budget recommendations.

➤ DFA – Department of Finance and Administration – Executive

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY19 operating base:
 - Main Campus: \$187,338,500, a \$4,086,700 increase or 2.24%
 - Medical School: \$58,264,100, flat funding recommendation
 - Branch Campuses:
 - Gallup: \$8,509,700, a \$23,500 increase or 0.28%
 - Los Alamos: \$1,790,900, a \$33,900 increase or 1.93%
 - Taos: \$3,494,400, a \$83,800 increase or 2.46%
 - Valencia: \$5,403,000, a \$93,300 decrease or 1.76%
- Research and Public Service Projects
 - Main Campus: \$10,802,000, flat funding
 - Health Science Center: \$32,828,000, a \$1 million increase for OMI
 - Branch Campuses: \$571,500, flat funding
- One-Time Higher Education Funding
 - College Affordability Scholarship \$25,000,000
 - Teacher Loan Repayment \$25,000,000

➤ LFC – Legislative Finance Committee

- I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY19 operating base:
 - Main Campus: \$187,423,100, a \$5,130,300 increase or 2.82%
 - Medical School: \$59,429,400, a \$1,165,300 increase or 2%
 - Branch Campuses:
 - Gallup: \$8,500,600, a \$14,400 increase or 0.17%
 - Los Alamos: \$1,799,300, a \$42,300 increase or 2.41%
 - Taos: \$3,519,200, a \$108,600 increase or 3.18%
 - Valencia: \$5,426,900, a \$117,200 increase or 2.21%
- Research and Public Service Projects
 - Main Campus: \$9,919,100, an increase of \$300,000
 - Health Science Center: \$30,980,900, an increase of \$150,000
 - Branch Campuses: \$571,500, flat funding
- One-Time UNM Funding
 - Cancer Center 340B \$2,000,000
- One-Time Higher Education Funding
 - College Affordability Scholarship \$50,000,000
 - Teacher Loan Repayment \$25,000,000
 - Higher Education Endowment Fund \$25,000,000

➤ **Lottery Scholarship:**

- **Senate Bill 80, Pay Forfeited Lottery Prizes to Tuition Fund, Senator Bill Soules**
 - Without otherwise altering existing law, this act provides for payment of prizes not claimed within the time specified by the Lottery Authority and consequently forfeited, to be paid into the Lottery Tuition Fund which is distributed to New Mexico's public post-secondary educational institutions to provide tuition assistance for qualified students and legacy students as provided in the Legislative Lottery Tuition Scholarship Act.

➤ **Compensation:**

- The LFC and DFA both recommended a pay increase for state employees this session. The LFC recommended a 2% pay increase and DFA recommended a 3% pay increase. However, the actual dollar amount recommended for the pay raises is below the actual cost to provide the full 2% and 3% compensation.

➤ **Pension Reform:**

- **Senate Bill 14, Educational Retirement Changes, Senate Stuart Ingle**
 - Increases Employer Share by 1% per year for the next three years
 - Removes all return-to-work exceptions
 - Increases retirement age for future members

➤ **Capital Outlay, LFC Recommendation:**

UNM – Learning Environment Critical Safety & Technology Upgrades	\$ 6,000,000
UNM HSC – Movement Disorders Specialized Center	\$ 3,500,000
UNM HSC – OMI CT Scanner	\$ 1,400,000
UNM GALLUP – Campus Infrastructure Upgrades	\$ 700,000
UNM LOS ALAMOS – Infrastructure Upgrades	\$ 500,000
UNM TAOS – Site Repair and Improvements	\$ 1,000,000
UNIVERSITY OF NEW MEXICO TOTAL	\$13,100,000

➤ **Proposed Legislation of Interest.**

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