2020 Legislative Session – Briefing: January 27, 2020

The 2020 legislative session once again started on a high note, thanks to continued strong oil and gas revenues. In December, the Consensus Revenue Estimate predicted $797 million in new money for FY21. The Severance Tax Bonds are estimated at $200 million and General Obligation Bonds at $195 million. The following summarizes how UNM fared in the DFA and LFC budget recommendations.

➢ Executive Recommendation
  • I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY20 operating base:
    o Main Campus: $196,517,800, a $2,317,400 increase or 1.2%
    o Medical School/HSC: $63,148,000, a $940,800 increase or 1.5%
    o Branch Campuses:
      ▪ Gallup: $8,879,600, a $500 increase or 0%
      ▪ Los Alamos: $1,904,900, a $40,800 increase or 2.2%
      ▪ Taos: $3,790,600, a $150,400 increase or 4.1%
      ▪ Valencia: $5,767,700, a $138,300 increase or 2.5%
  • Research and Public Service Projects
    o Main Campus: $11,607,000, increase of $200,000
    o Health Science Center: $32,828,000, increase of $2,624,000
    o Branch Campuses: $571,500, flat funding

➢ Legislative Recommendation
  • I&G budget recommendation starts from the FY20 operating base:
    o Main Campus: $199,850,100, a $5,649,700 increase or 2.9%
    o Medical School/HSC: $63,762,400, a $1,555,200 increase or 2.5%
    o Branch Campuses:
      • Gallup: $8,965,100, a $86,000 increase or 1.0%
      • Los Alamos: $1,935,200, a $71,100 increase or 3.8%
      • Taos: $3,845,600, a $205,400 increase or 5.6%
      • Valencia: $5,850,100, a $220,700 increase or 3.9%
  • Research and Public Service Projects
    o Main Campus: $9,919,100, increase of $500,000
    o Health Science Center: $30,980,900, increase of $1,350,000
    o Branch Campuses: $571,500, flat funding
➢ Scholarship Funding:
  • Executive Recommendation
    o The Executive Branch recommended $35 million for the creation of the Opportunity Scholarship.
  • Legislative Recommendation
    o The Legislature recommended $35 million for various state scholarship programs.
      • $10 million to Student Incentive Grants
      • $5 million to Teacher Preparation Affordability Fund
      • $10 million to College Affordability Fund
      • $9.7 million to Lottery Scholarship Fund

➢ 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.

➢ General Obligation Bond, Legislative Recommendation:

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➢ Proposed Legislation of Interest.

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