

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill No:** HB 478

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**Short Title:** State High School Basketball Tournament

**Sponsor(s):** Representatives Ben Lujan and Henry Kiki Saavedra

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**Bill Summary:**

HB 478 makes an appropriation for the annual state high school basketball tournament for costs associated with personnel, management, security, custodial services, utilities, and rental of facilities.

**Fiscal Impact:**

\$100,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Public Education Department (PED) for expenditure in FY 09. The bill contains a reversion clause.

**Issues:**

According to the PED analysis of an identical bill in 2007:

- The cost of using the University of New Mexico Arena, commonly known as the PIT, for the annual high school state basketball tournament is \$30,000 per day. This amount includes expenses such as personnel, management, security, custodian services, utility, and rental costs.
- The annual tournament is five days in March and includes both the boys and girls state tournament.
- The state tournaments for basketball, football, and cheerleading produce revenue for the New Mexico Activities Association (NMAA). The annual state high school basketball tournament is the primary revenue-producing activity for NMAA.
- NMAA enlists the support of numerous corporate sponsors for the tournament.
- Other sports (i.e. swimming and diving, wrestling, soccer, tennis) do not provide revenue for NMAA.
- NMAA needs to make approximately \$300,000 above costs from the annual state high school basketball tournament to help pay for the other state tournaments.

**Related Bills:**

None to date.