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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR	<u>Brantley/Woods</u>	LAST UPDATED	<u>1/23/24</u>
SHORT TITLE	<u>NMSU Windmill Certification</u>	ORIGINAL DATE	<u>1/23/24</u>
		BILL	<u>Senate Bill 92</u>
		NUMBER	<u>Senate Bill 92</u>
		ANALYST	<u>Jorgensen</u>

### APPROPRIATION\* (dollars in thousands)

FY24	FY25	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

Parentheses ( ) indicate expenditure decreases.

\*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

### Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency Analysis Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

New Mexico State University (NMSU)

## SUMMARY

### Synopsis of Senate Bill 92

Senate Bill 92 appropriates \$100 thousand from the general fund to New Mexico State University (NMSU) for the purpose of supporting a windmill technician certification workshop.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, or May 15, 2024, if enacted.

## FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY26 shall revert to the general fund.

## SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMSU reports the windmill technician program, housed in the cooperative extension service, offers training on conventional windmill designs and applications; windmill safety; selection,

siting and set up; mill restoration; maintenance and repair; and wellhead and groundwater protection. The college notes significant equipment upgrades are needed to support current needs of the equipment used to support the NMSU windmill technology certification workshop. Funding through this appropriation will allow critical equipment updates to the workshop and program.

HED states the existing workshop does not award credit hours toward traditional higher education credentials. Programs in wind energy are offered in New Mexico through both Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso and Mesalands Community College. Opportunities through these institutions include pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, short-term certificates, and two-year degrees.

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