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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

BILL NUMBER: Senate Bill 171

SHORT TITLE: Northern NM State School Documentary

SPONSOR: Gonzales/Borrego/Torres-Velasquez

LAST UPDATE: _____ **ORIGINAL DATE:** 1/30/26 **ANALYST:** Jorgensen

APPROPRIATION* (dollars in thousands)

FY26	FY27	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
	\$200.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

*Amounts reflect most recent analysis of this legislation.

Sources of Information

LFC Files

Agency or Agencies Providing Analysis

Northern New Mexico College

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Senate Bill 171

Senate Bill 171 (SB171) appropriates \$200 thousand from the general fund to Northern New Mexico College (NNMC) for the purpose of contracting for the production of an educational documentary on Padre Antonio Jose Martinez.

This bill does not contain an effective date and, as a result, would go into effect 90 days after the Legislature adjourns, which is May 20, 2026.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The \$200 thousand appropriation contained in this bill is a nonrecurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

Padre Antonio Jose Martinez was born in Abiquiu in 1793 and died in Taos in 1867. Padre Martinez was excommunicated by Archbishop Lamy in 1858 but was fondly remembered by his

community thereafter.

NNMC reports:

Northern New Mexico College has a robust film program and targeted initiatives to develop workforce development opportunities in the film, media and arts industries for students in the film and technical trades programs. The bill advances opportunities for those students.

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