

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE  
BILL ANALYSIS**

**Bill Number: HJM 16**

**51st Legislature, 2nd Session, 2014**

**Tracking Number: .196106.1**

**Short Title: Higher Ed Faculty Underrepresentation**

**Sponsor(s): Representative Sharon Clahchischilliage and Others**

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**Bill Summary:**

HJM 16 requests the Higher Education Department (HED) form a task force to study the representation of minorities in the faculties of social work, sociology, and psychology programs in New Mexico public colleges and universities.

Among its provisions, HJM 16 requests that:

- HED appoint members of the task force that represent the:
  - Office on African American Affairs;
  - the National Hispanic Cultural Center;
  - the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People;
  - the University of New Mexico Native American Studies Department;
  - the All Indian Pueblo Council;
  - the New Mexico Alliance for Hispanic Education;
  - the Southwest Hispanic Research Institute; and
  - dean or department head and a faculty member from each school, college or department of social work, sociology, and psychology;
- the task force and HED report on the results of the study to the appropriate interim legislative committees no later than August 1, 2014; and
- that a copy of this memorial be transmitted to the Secretary of HED for appropriate distribution.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Legislative memorials do not carry appropriations.