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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Trujillo, Ca ORIGINAL DATE 01/21/14  
LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 17

SHORT TITLE NM Tech Supercomputing Challenge Program SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Hartzler-Toon

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY14	FY15		
	\$60.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act, New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

#### No Response Received From

New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NM Tech)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 17 appropriates \$60 thousand from the general fund to NM Tech to support the supercomputing challenge program.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$60 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY15 shall revert to the general fund.

Based on LFC files, this bill would add funding to an existing program at NM Tech. The current state support for this program, through institutional funding, is less than \$20 thousand.

The HED notes that this request was not considered as part of the FY15 budget review process

for research and public service projects. As such, the project was not reviewed by the department, Department of Finance and Administration (DFA), or Legislative Finance Committee (LFC).

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The New Mexico Supercomputing Challenge is the annual competition to determine the state's representation at the national competition. According to the New Mexico Supercomputing Challenge website, over 445 students and 67 teachers from 57 middle and high schools have registered for the 2013-2014 Supercomputing Challenge. Registration begins in the fall, with projects reviewed at 10 colleges and universities during February 2014. Final project reports and participation in the national competition will occur in April.

Funding will support student scholarships to attend the national competition and faculty scholarships to attend a summer program to improve teacher effectiveness in Supercomputing Challenge.

### **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no performance measures associated with this appropriation. NM Tech may consider developing measures to report the impact on funding on student and faculty participation in supercomputing challenges.

THT/ds