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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Trujillo, CH ORIGINAL DATE 1/25/19
LAST UPDATED _____ HB 148

SHORT TITLE Robot Playshops & Competition SB _____

ANALYST Chabot

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

| Appropriation | | Recurring or Nonrecurring | Fund Affected |
|---------------|---------|------------------------------|------------------|
| FY20 | FY21 | | |
| \$300.0 | \$300.0 | Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 148 appropriates \$300 thousand from the general fund to the Regents of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for the purpose of managing and conducting playshops for students and their teachers in grades three through twelve to learn to design, build, program and test payload delivering, firefighting or other autonomous robot challenges culminating in an annual international robot competition.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2020 shall revert to the general fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

HED states that ENMU received \$223.4 thousand in FY16 for this purpose but the appropriation was discontinued. In FY19, \$50 thousand was provided as a nonrecurring appropriation. HED states ENMU would also seek other sources of revenue to augment this appropriation.

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HED states ENMU did not request this funding through the higher education funding recommendation.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. How were previously appropriated funds for this program used and what were the results?

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