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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

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LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_  
SHORT TITLE Boards of Regents Educational Institutions SJR 3  
ANALYST Hawker

### ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY20	FY21	FY22	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
<b>Total</b>	\$125.0 - \$150.0			\$125.0- \$150.0	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

New Mexico State University (NMSU)

Northern New Mexico College (NNMC)

#### Other Responses

Council of University Presidents (CUP)

New Mexico Independent Community Colleges (NMICC)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Resolution 3 amends Article 12, Section 13 of the Constitution of New Mexico so that the nonstudent regents are to be nominated by the Governor from a list of at least three names provided by a separate nominating committee established by law for that institution.

The Legislature shall provide for the appointment, terms, powers and duties of the nominating committees. No more than 50 percent of the nominating committee shall be members of the same political party.

Technical cleanup is provided.

This amendment shall be submitted to the people for approval or rejection at the next general election or at any special election prior to that date that may be called for that purpose.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

## **Senate Joint Resolution 3– Page 2**

Under Section 1-16-4 NMSA 1978 and the New Mexico constitution, the Secretary of State (SoS) is required to print samples of the text of each constitutional amendment, in both Spanish and English, in an amount equal to ten percent of the registered voters in the state. The SoS is also required to publish them once a week for four weeks preceding the election in newspapers in every county in the state. The estimated cost per constitutional amendment is \$125-\$150 thousand depending upon the size and number of ballots and if additional ballot stations are needed.

### **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

The amendment to the Constitution proposed by SJR3 will require all state educational institutions enumerated in Article 12, Section 11 to have regents appointed via nominating committee process. The institutions are:

- University of New Mexico (UNM)
- New Mexico State University (NMSU)
- New Mexico Highlands University (NMHU)
- Western New Mexico University (WNMU)
- Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU)
- New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology (NMIMT)
- New Mexico Military Institute (NMMI)
- New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired (NMSBVI)
- New Mexico School for the Deaf (NMSD)
- Northern New Mexico College (NNMC)

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