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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Stell	DATE TYPED:	01/24/00	HB	145
SHORT TITLE:	Enhance NMSU Water Quality Programs			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 439.0			Rec	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

New Mexico State University College of Agriculture & Home Economics (NMSU)

SUMMARYSynopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$439.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University to enhance water quality capabilities of the College of Agriculture and Home Economics. The appropriation is distributed as follows: \$138.0 to the Agricultural Experiment Station and \$301.0 to the Cooperative Extension Service.

Significant Issues

According to NMSU, water issues in the state need immediate attention and study. It is important to educate the public on agricultural consumptive use, depletion rates, hydrologic connection between surface and ground water, land use risks to water, and domestic water systems.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$439.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to NMSU, failure to respond to specific water needs will diminish the citizenry's ability to confront the needs in the future.

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