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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Crook	DATE TYPED:	01/25/00	HB	170
SHORT TITLE:	Clovis Agricultural Science Center Programs			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 500.0			Rec	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates SB68

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

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

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$500.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University to expand and enhance programs at the Clovis Agricultural Science Center. The appropriation is distributed as follows: \$250.0 to the Agricultural Experiment Station and \$250.0 to the Cooperative Extension Service.

Significant Issues

According to NMSU, agriculture in eastern New Mexico is changing dramatically. Water shortages are requiring conservation efforts and shifts to more efficient practices initiated by federal commodity support programs. The Clovis center is the only such facility providing scientifically based information to area farmers, ranchers, and dairy farmers.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$500.0 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.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

According to NMSU, this bill provides funding for an agronomist, a water management specialist, a dairy specialist and support staff.

DUPLICATION

This bill duplicates Senate Bill 68.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to NMSU, Curry, Roosevelt and Lea counties rank 3, 4, and 7 in all farm commodities. Failure to respond to specific water needs of the industry will significantly diminish the economic vitality of the region.

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