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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Stell	DATE TYPED:	02/09/00	HB	213/aHENRC
SHORT TITLE:	Noxious Weed Control Program			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)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HENRC Amendment

This amendment adds language which requires the NMDA to provide a report to the Legislature at the end of FY01 detailing the expenditures made and the noxious weed control activities implemented.

Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$500.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University to pay for the expenses of the NMDA and the Soil and Water Conservation Districts statewide to implement a noxious weed control program to protect the environment and the state's economy from the impacts of noxious and exotic weed infestations.

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.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

According to the CHE, \$85.0 was included in the Noxious Weed Act to begin the program.

The CHE recommends that the following language be included for all new recurring higher education programs: "The institution receiving the special appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the LFC and the CHE by August 1, 2003 detailing the benefits to the State from having this program implemented for a three-year period."

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