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### FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR:	Pearce	DATE TYPED:	02/05/00	HB	334
SHORT TITLE:	Promote NM Agricultural Products			SB	
				ANALYST:	Pacheco-Perez

### APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY00	FY01	FY00	FY01		
	\$ 20.0			Non-Rec	GF

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB336

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

## **SUMMARY**

### Synopsis of Bill

This bill appropriates \$20.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of the New Mexico State University for the purpose of the NMDA to fund a comparative study of bordering states and New Mexico to identify barriers to increased value-added agriculture processing operations in the state and to prescribe policies to promote increased use of New Mexico produced agricultural products.

### Significant Issues

According to the NMDA, results of the study would provide needed information, identify industry and consumer trends, and reveal areas of improvement for state policies and New Mexico produced agricultural products.

## **FISCAL IMPLICATIONS**

The appropriation of \$20.0 contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY01 shall revert to the general fund.

## **CONFLICT/DUPLICATION/COMPANIONSHIP/RELATIONSHIP**

This bill relates to House Bill 336.

### **OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

The CHE recommends that the following language be included for all new recurring higher education programs: "A plan for a program evaluation, including specific program goals and criteria for assessing program effectiveness shall be submitted to the LFC and the CHE by October 1, 2000. An assessment of the program will be completed prior to June 30, 2001 and submitted to the LFC and the CHE."

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