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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR: King DATE TYPED: 01/28/01 HB 273
 SHORT TITLE: Expand NMSU Hotel/Tourism Management Program SB _____
 ANALYST: Gilbert

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY01	FY02	FY01	FY02		
	\$ 380.1			Recurring	GF

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates Senate Bill 121

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files
 Commission for Higher Education (CHE)
 CHE Files - Special Funding Requests Submitted by NMSU
 Department of Tourism

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 273 appropriates \$380.1 to New Mexico State University (NMSU) to expand the hotel, restaurant and tourism management program's role as a provider of specialized training.

Significant Issues

According to the Department of Tourism, funding will be used by the hotel, restaurant and tourism management program at NMSU to provide student training in the hospitality and tourism industry. It will also be used to conduct research and evaluation of tourism opportunities and tourism's economic impact.

All New Mexico higher education institutions were asked to provide to the Commission for Higher Education (CHE) with an overall priority listing of all new and expansion research and public service project requests. NMSU provided a categorical priority list to the CHE and funding for this program was included. However, the NMSU Board of Regents only approved funding for this program at \$190.0.

The CHE did not recommend funding for this program expansion.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$380.1 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY02 shall revert to the general fund.

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