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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

| SPONSOR: | Papen | DATE TYPED: | 02/04/03 | НВ | |
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| SHORT TITLE: Water Management Research and Education | | | SB | 66 | |
| | | ANALYST: | | | |

APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained | | Estimated Additional Impact | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------|-------------------------|------------------|
| FY03 | FY04 | FY03 | FY04 | | |
| | \$300.0 | | | Recurring | General Fund |
| | | | | | |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates HB 95

Relates to HB 96, SB 67

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Responses Received
New Mexico State University

No Response
Commission on Higher Education
Office of State Engineer

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 66 appropriates \$300.0 from the general fund to the Board of Regents at New Mexico State University for the purpose of conducting water management research and education programs.

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Significant Issues

The NMSU analysis notes funding would enhance current funding and would be used for water use education and research programs including educating the public on water issues, such as agricultural consumptive use, depletion rates, hydrologic connections between surface and ground water, risks of particular land use to ground and domestic water systems.

This is a Water and Natural Resources Committee sponsored bill.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY 2004 shall revert to the general fund.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. What performance measures could be developed to determine the effectiveness of this program?

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