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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Nunez DATE TYPED 2/5/04 HB 52/aHEC

SHORT TITLE NMSU Viticulturist SB _____

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APPROPRIATION

| Appropriation Contained | | Estimated Additional Impact | | Recurring or Non-Rec | Fund Affected |
|-------------------------|---------|-----------------------------|------|----------------------|---------------|
| FY04 | FY05 | FY04 | FY05 | | |
| | \$150.0 | | | Recurring | General Fund |

(Parenthesis () Indicate Revenue Decreases)

Duplicates SB 72.

Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Commission on Higher Education (CHE) Funding Recommendations for FY05

Responses Received From

CHE

NMSU, College of Agriculture and Home Economics

SUMMARY

Synopsis of HEC Amendment

The House Education Committee amendment adds an evaluation requirement which reads as follows:

“The institution receiving the appropriation in this bill shall submit a program evaluation to the Legislative Finance Committee and the Commission on Higher Education by August 2007 detailing the benefits to the State of New Mexico from having implemented this program over a three period.”

Synopsis of Original Bill

House Bill 52 appropriates \$150 thousand from the general fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU for a position and program in viticulture to support the need of New Mexico grape growers and wine producers for practical information and recommendations for growing and managing their businesses.

Significant Issues

This proposal responds to the needs associated with the growing wine industry in New Mexico. NMSU reports that the program would be highly integrated with many entities including, NMSU academic programs, New Mexico Department of Agriculture, Small Business Development Centers, county governments, tribal governments, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, agricultural producer associations, agribusinesses, and state and federal agencies.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150 thousand contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY05 shall revert to the general fund.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION

In the "CONFLICT" section, NMSU reports that the Cooperative Extension Service maintains access to a wide variety of expertise within both extension and the research faculty working in the Agricultural Experiment Station. Therefore funding for this initiative would serve as a productive companion considering the existing expertise in agronomic science, agricultural economics, and other disciplines within the College of Agriculture & Home Economics.

SB 72 duplicates HB 52.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

This program expansion request was not submitted by the NMSU Board of Regents to the CHE. Consequently, the Commission did not recommend funding for this proposal.

POSSIBLE QUESTIONS

1. Was this request submitted to the NMSU Board of Regents for their consideration?
2. Why or Why not?
3. Is the information needed by grape growers and wine producers available now from NMSU?

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