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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Moore DATE TYPED 01/31/05 HB 188

SHORT TITLE NMSU Livestock Judging Program SB _____

ANALYST Woods

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	\$150.0			Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to the appropriation for New Mexico State University in the General Appropriations Act.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

New Mexico State University (NMSU) – College of Agriculture and Home Economics (CAHE)
Commission on Higher Education (CHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 188 – Making an Appropriation to New Mexico State University to Establish a Livestock Judging Program – appropriates \$150,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University for expenditure in fiscal year 2006 to establish a livestock judging program within the College of Agriculture and Home Economics. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

Significant Issues

NMSU’s livestock judging team participates in a number of collegiate judging contests during the school year including: Arizona National in Phoenix, AZ; National Western Stock Show in Denver, CO; Southwestern Livestock Show and Exposition in Fort Worth, TX; Houston Live-

stock Show and Rodeo in Houston, TX; Mid-South Fair in Memphis, TN; American Royal in Kansas City, MO and the North American International Livestock Exposition in Louisville, KY. This bill supports an expansion of the current program.

NMSU-CAHE indicates that NMSU's livestock judging program is being developed with emphasis on affording opportunities to young individuals that can make a difference in the state. However, funds for judging team support are limited at NMSU. And traditional support costs include travel expenses, entry fees, cost of livestock for teaching, stipends for coaches, and scholarship assistance.

CHE notes this request was not in the list of priority projects submitted by New Mexico State University to CHE. Consequently, this request was not included in CHE's funding recommendation for FY06.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$150,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY06 shall revert to the general fund.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

NMSU-CAHE would retain oversight of the program.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Relates to the appropriation for NMSU in the General Appropriations Act.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

NMSU-CAHE suggests that students are leaving New Mexico to attend junior colleges or universities in other states. Further that some of New Mexico's most talented students are recruited to out of state colleges because of programs that are not available or not fully developed in New Mexico. NMSU-CAHE believes that judging teams are effective in attracting high school students because of the recognition that judging teams – through a non-traditional approach – teach leadership skills such as:

- critical thinking and organizational skill;
- enhanced self-confidence;
- improved oral and written communication; and
- time management and team working skills

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