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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Lujan, B. DATE TYPED 02/23/05 HB HJR 17

SHORT TITLE Expand NMSU Board of Regents, CA SB _____

ANALYST Williams

APPROPRIATION

Appropriation Contained		Estimated Additional Impact		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY05	FY06	FY05	FY06		
	NFI				

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

No Response Received From Commission on Higher Education

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Joint Resolution 17 authorizes a constitutional amendment to Article 12, Section 13 to expand the board of regents at New Mexico State University to seven members, instead of five. The amendment would be subject to a vote at the next general election or at a special election called to consider the measure.

The amendment specifies six members would be qualified electors of the state and one would be a member of the student body. Terms of office for non-student members would be six years, with a two-year term for the student regent. At the time of appointment, no more than four regents would be members of the same political party. Regents would be nominated by the governor and subject to consent of the Senate. The student regent would be selected from a list provided by the president of the university, including consideration of the recommendations of the student body president. Regents currently serving would be permitted to serve a complete term.

The bill would also authorize other technical clean-up changes to the constitution, specifically the name change to New Mexico School for the Blind and Visually Impaired as approved by voters in November 2004.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The bill does not contain an appropriation.

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