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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/7/06

SPONSOR Robinson LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE Value-Added Agriculture Development SB 455

ANALYST Earp

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
	\$65.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

New Mexico Department of Agriculture (NMDA)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 455 appropriates \$65,000 from the general fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) to support NMDA's international border economic development program of value-added agricultural enterprises in rural communities.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$65,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of fiscal year 2007 shall revert to the general fund.

### SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This proposal was not included among the special program funding requests submitted by NMSU to HED for review. Consequently, this proposal has not been included in the HED fiscal year 2007 funding recommendations to the Legislature.

**ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

The legislation would augment funding for an existing program at NMDA. No significant additional administrative impact is anticipated.

**OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES**

According to NMDA, the international border economic development program of value added agriculture enterprises will provide a framework for expansion of the border economy of the southwest border region. The international border economic development initiative will identify resources and plan projects in the border regions that will provide more economic growth opportunities, assist producers in becoming more competitive in the marketplace, and expand domestic and international trade.

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