

Fiscal impact reports (FIRs) are prepared by the Legislative Finance Committee (LFC) for standing finance committees of the NM Legislature. The LFC does not assume responsibility for the accuracy of these reports if they are used for other purposes.

Current FIRs (in HTML & Adobe PDF formats) are available on the NM Legislative Website (legis.state.nm.us). Adobe PDF versions include all attachments, whereas HTML versions may not. Previously issued FIRs and attachments may be obtained from the LFC in Suite 101 of the State Capitol Building North.

FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/08/07

SPONSOR Tripp LAST UPDATED _____ HB 602

SHORT TITLE NMSU 4-H Outreach Program SB _____

ANALYST Guambaña

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY07	FY08		
	\$100.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to House Bill 640 and Senate Bill 60

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

New Mexico State University-College of Agriculture and Home Economics (NMSU-CAHE)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 602 appropriates \$100,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU for a 4-H Outreach Program.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$100,000 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the General Fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY08 shall revert to the General Fund.

Per HED, this proposal was submitted to the Department by NMSU and was not included in their funding recommendation for FY08.

HED also asserts that NMSU's Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H Youth Development was the recipient of four federal grants totaling \$2,542,815 over a five-year period beginning in 2001

to establish 4-H Outreach Agencies in 14 counties in New Mexico. These were three-year grants and the funding is being completed this year.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMHU-CAHE states that the principal objective of this request will focus on providing 4-H outreach programs to underserved youth in eight selected counties impacting an estimated 5000 students per year. NMSU 4-H Youth Development Program staff will provide teachers or classroom volunteers with experiential learning lessons and activities that are aligned to New Mexico educational standards and benchmarks. In addition to the school classroom, NMSU 4-H Youth Development professionals will provide educational, hands on activities and programs in out of school settings throughout the counties to encourage the academic performance and workforce preparation among vulnerable youth in New Mexico. More than 74,000 of New Mexico’s youth were involved in life skill education through 4-H, thereby qualifying 4-H as the largest youth development program in the State.

RELATIONSHIP

House Bill 640 appropriates \$300,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU to support 4-H programs in Lea county.

Senate Bill 60 appropriates \$500,000 from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NMSU to pay for a 4-H outreach program.

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

HED and NMSU-CAHE jointly maintain that the 4-H Program is involved in partnerships with volunteers throughout New Mexico. Last year 5,220 adult 4-H volunteers contributed more than 260,000 hours of volunteer service to the youth of the state. Had that service been provided by paid staff, it would have cost \$4,690,400.

Per NMSU-CAHE, the NMSU 4-H Engagement in Youth and Education initiative is a ten year plan with a projected budget requirement of \$10 million. The first four years have focused on after school programs. This funding request is for the second objective of the initiative which is devoted to Core Curriculum Enhancement.

AG/csd