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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 01/29/08

SPONSOR Leavell LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB \_\_\_\_\_

SHORT TITLE NMSU Agricultural Education SB 441

ANALYST Escudero

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY08	FY09		
	\$30.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to HB239, HB289, HB403, and SB363.

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

Senate Bill 441 appropriates \$30.0 to the Board of Regents at New Mexico State University for expenditure in FY09 to support a position of the agricultural education program coordinator in the cooperative extension office.

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$30.0 contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY09 shall revert to the general fund.

This request was not submitted by NMSU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review and is not included in the Departments funding recommendation for FY09. However, a request (SB363 Tribal Extension) in the amount of \$747,000 was submitted by NMSU to the New Mexico Higher Education Department for review, which is an increase of \$500,000 to FY08 recurring funding. The Departments executive funding recommendation for FY09 is a continuance of FY08 recurring funding in the amount of \$247,000 from HB2 and SB611.

**SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

According to HED, the New Mexico State University Cooperative Extension Service serves a unique role throughout the state. NMSU is the state's land grant university, and as mandated by its charter, is the "leading object" for agriculture, business, engineering, health sciences, and home economics, as well as educational programs in the liberal arts and natural sciences. NMSU's uniqueness arises from its vision of teaching and learning, research, and cooperative extension functions -- interdependent, mutually supportive, and central to carrying out its land grant mission.

NMSU's University-wide Cooperative Extension Service provides New Mexico's citizenry and communities with effective leadership and collaboration to foster economic, educational, and community development. Decisions on what educational programs are conducted in communities across the state are largely determined by local advisory committees and stakeholder groups. These educational programs are delivered by county-, area-, and state-level NMSU Extension faculty from throughout the university who specialize in an area of concern to New Mexicans.

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