

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: CS/HJM 52

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Short Title: School Football Championship Changes

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Bill Summary:

CS/HJM 52 requests that high school athletic directors, high school football coaches, the athletic directors at New Mexico State University, New Mexico Highlands University, Eastern New Mexico University, Western New Mexico University, and New Mexico Military Institute, and the Vice President of Athletics at the University of New Mexico hold an informal dialogue to consider scheduling all New Mexico high school football championship games in the same stadium on the same day.

Fiscal Impact:

Legislative memorials do not contain an appropriation.

Fiscal Issues:

The Public Education Department (PED) analysis of the original HJM 52 states that the New Mexico Activities Association could incur additional costs in using university stadiums as sites for all state championship football games.

Memorials requesting that state agencies or educational institutions conduct studies are likely to have a fiscal impact in terms of staff time, travel, office supplies, and other items. This impact could be especially pronounced if the agencies are experiencing budget reductions or staff furloughs.

Substantive Issues:

According to the PED analysis of CS/HJM 52, football teams that qualify for state championship games are currently allowed local autonomy in determining the date and time the game will be played. If all football championships occur on the same day in the same stadium:

- schools would no longer have input into the date or time the game is played;
- host school communities would lose revenue; and
- six- and eight-man football teams have different field dimensions than university stadiums, which could make play at these stadiums difficult for these teams.

Related Bill(s):

HB 248 *State High School Championships on Saturday*