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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 02/10/10

SPONSOR Nava LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE More Nationally Certified Teachers SJM 52

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY10	FY11		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Senate Memorial 38

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY10	FY11	FY12	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
Total		NFI				

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SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Public Education Department (PED)

Higher Education Department (HED)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 52 requests that the Public Education Department collaborate with the New Mexico Higher Education Department and other interested parties to explore options to support more teachers in completing the requirements for national board certification and to provide incentives for national board certified teachers to work in underperforming schools.

The memorial directs the PED to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislative Education Study Committee by November 15, 2010.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Joint Memorial 52 makes no appropriation.

The PED states that there are minimal fiscal implications carried by the memorial.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The PED provides the following information on National Board Certified Teachers.

There are currently 484 National Board Certified Teachers (NCOs) in New Mexico.

The total cost for the candidates to start the process of National Board certification is \$2,500. New Mexico provides a subsidy of \$1,250 if the candidate has paid his or her \$65 application and a \$500 non-refundable materials fee. The fee for federal subsidy money is provided under a grant from the U.S. Department of Education to the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards.

Once an individual completes the National Board certification, they are eligible for a yearly stipend from the State of New Mexico. New Mexico just received notice that \$92,400 will be available in federal subsidy funds for the 2010-2011 cycle. With this amount, New Mexico will be able to provide subsidies to 73 candidates. After August 15, 2010, the state will request additional funds if there is need from candidates.

For the 2009-2010 cycle, New Mexico was awarded \$162,500 to fund 130 national board candidates. The Public Education Department (PED) requested and received an additional \$150,000 to fund an additional 120 candidates. Of a potential 250 candidates, the state received 201 requests.

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

The PED states that the memorial carries minimal administrative implications for the department.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

Senate Joint Memorial 52 is related to Senate Memorial 38 which requests the PED to report prior to the first session of the 50th legislature on its study of mechanisms to reward teachers and principals who improve student achievement.

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