

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HJM 34

50th Legislature, 1st Session, 2011

Tracking Number: .183491.2

Short Title: Higher Education Interim Committee

Sponsor(s): Representative Gail Chasey and Senator Timothy M. Keller

Analyst: Ally Hudson

Date: February 10, 2011

Bill Summary:

HJM 34 requests that the New Mexico Legislative Council create a two-year interim legislative Higher Education Committee (HEC) to consult with the higher education institutions and the Higher Education Department to advance the state's higher education effort.

Among its provisions, HJM 34 resolves that the HEC examine:

- opportunities to coordinate disciplines and degrees across institutional lines;
- the impact of regional and national accreditation and professional standards on curriculum and graduation requirements;
- the relationships between state funding, institutional practices, and students' perceptions of why students do not complete courses and programs;
- education outcomes and work force needs by economic and geographic sectors;
- the state's changing demographics and institutional statistics; and
- faculty and staff compensation, including salaries and benefits, and academic and research recruitment and retention.

The memorial further resolves that the HEC consider:

- funding adequacy and equity and resource allocation, including mission-differentiated higher education funding formulae; and
- dedication of a revenue stream, similar to that provided for public education, to address the deferred maintenance condition of higher education.

Finally, HJM 34 resolves that the HEC develop recommendations and report to the Legislature by November 30, 2011 and again by November 30, 2012.

Fiscal Impact:

HJM 34 does not contain an appropriation.

Related Bills:

HB 230 *Merge HED with DFA*

HJM 30 *Higher Education Redesign Governor Task Force*