

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: HB 129

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Short Title: Northern NM School Faculty Salaries

Sponsor(s): Representatives Nick L. Salazar, Debbie A. Rodella, and Others

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Bill Summary:

HB 129 makes an appropriation to increase faculty salaries at the Northern New Mexico State School (NNMSS) to a level approaching those paid at similar institutions.

Fiscal Impact:

\$600,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of NNMSS for expenditure in FY 14. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Background:

The Higher Education Department (HED) states in its analysis of HB 129 that NNMSS has conducted a survey that:

- shows that faculty salaries at the institution are currently 13.43 percent behind other state four-year colleges, and 5.13 percent behind surrounding junior or community colleges; and
- NNMSS' faculty salaries are the lowest in the state for a four-year institution.

Committee Referrals:

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Related Bills:

SB 34 *Northern NM State School Faculty Salaries* (Identical)