

**LEGISLATIVE EDUCATION STUDY COMMITTEE
BILL ANALYSIS**

Bill Number: SB 338

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Tracking Number: .199269.1

Short Title: Career Technical Student Organizations

Sponsor(s): Senator Pete Campos

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Bill Summary:

SB 338 makes an appropriation to support six career technical student organizations (CTSOs) to accelerate career technical education programs for students statewide.

Fiscal Impact:

\$400,000 is appropriated from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of Eastern New Mexico University (ENMU) for expenditure in FY 16. Unexpended or unencumbered funds revert to the General Fund.

Fiscal Issues:

The Higher Education Department (HED) reports that this request was not submitted by ENMU to HED as part of the formal budget review process for FY 16 appropriations.

Substantive Issues:

According to the Public Education Department (PED), support for CTSOs from the federal Perkins IV award has been reduced in recent years due to the redirection of funds to other initiatives. SB 338 would restore much of this lost support. In FY 14 and FY 15, PED allocated \$198,450 to support CTSOs from its college preparation, career readiness, and dropout prevention appropriation.

HED identifies six CTSOs that would be supported with this program:

1. Business Professionals of America;
2. Distributive Education Clubs of America (known as DECA);
3. Family, Career and Community Leaders of America;
4. Skills USA;
5. Technology Student Association; and
6. Health Occupations Students of America.

Background:

According to HED, CTSOs support career and technical programs, beginning in high school and continuing into postsecondary education. Student participation in CTSOs has been increasing in

recent years. In the fall semester of 2012, there were 5,403 New Mexico high school student participants in CTSOs. Participation in CTSOs has grown nearly 12 percent since 2006.

Committee Referrals:

SEC/SFC

Related Bills:

SB 443 *Teacher Career Academy Act*

SM 30 *NM Private-Sector Education Partnerships*

HM 14 *Establish High-Quality Career Pathways*

HM 21 *NM Private-Sector Education Partnerships*