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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

SPONSOR Tripp / Papen ORIGINAL DATE 2/6/16
 LAST UPDATED _____ HB 291

SHORT TITLE NMSU Career Skills Training SB _____

ANALYST Dulany

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY16	FY17		
	250.0	Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Relates to Appropriation in General Appropriations Act

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

Responses Received From

Higher Education Department (HED)
 New Mexico State University (NMSU)

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

House Bill 291 appropriates \$250 thousand from the general fund to NMSU for career skills training and workforce development through a pre-college educational program facilitated by the institution. The bill requires NMSU, or a contracting entity on the university's behalf, to provide quarterly progress reports to the LFC and Legislative Education Study Committee (LESC).

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation contained in this bill is a recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY17 shall revert to the general fund.

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House Appropriations and Finance Committee Substitute for House Bill 2 Act includes \$498 thousand for the High Skills program at New Mexico community colleges throughout the state. The High Skills program provides training for job skills and workforce development. It is important to note, however, that the High Skills appropriation is not specifically targeted to pre-college students.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

NMSU notes HB 291 provides funding for rapid workforce development, which is supported by the Jobs Council.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

If HB 291 is enacted, NMSU or its contracting entity would be required to provide quarterly progress reports to LFC and LESC.

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