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**AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS
2024 REGULAR SESSION**

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SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION

{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}

Check all that apply:

Original **Amendment**
Correction **Substitute**

Date 1/30/24
Bill No: House Bill 270

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	\$70,000	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25	FY26		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY24	FY25	FY26	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total						

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Duplicates/Conflicts with/Companion to/Relates to:
Duplicates/Relates to Appropriation in the General Appropriation Act

SECTION III: NARRATIVE

BILL SUMMARY

Synopsis: House Bill 270 (HB270) amends state statute regarding the Technology Enhancement Fund (fund). The bill specifies the institutions that are eligible to apply for grants from the fund to be Navajo Technical University, New Mexico State University, the New Mexico Institute of Mining and Technology, and the University of New Mexico. The bill also adds a requirement that the review panel for the fund assess proposals' benefits for economic development, rural and tribal communities and workforce education and training.

The bill stipulates that the fund is administered by the Higher Education Department, rather than the Commission on Higher Education. The bill also stipulates that grants from the fund shall not be used to supplant matching money that an applicant has expended or encumbered for a previously received grant.

HB270 makes a nonrecurring, nonreverting appropriation of seventy million dollars (\$70,000,000) to the Technology Enhancement Fund.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal implications to the Economic Development Department (EDD).

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

The Technology Enhancement Fund (TEF) provides important financial resources to support the earliest stages of scientific research and development along the path to technology transfer and commercialization of innovation from New Mexico universities. Including an evaluation requirement for potential economic development impact could further focus TEF funding awards on proposals with potential for technology commercialization or economic development impact.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

No administrative implications to the Economic Development Department – the Higher Education Department currently includes a representative of EDD on the Technology Enhancement Fund review committee, which would not be altered by the bill.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS