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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 2/2/2024

Bill No: HB 277

Sponsor:	<u>Reps. Sariñana, Figueroa, Herrera, Gurrola, and Madrid</u>	Agency Name and Code	<u>University of New Mexico-952</u>
Short Title:	<u>Teacher License Computer Science Endorsement</u>	Number:	
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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY24	FY25		
	\$150.00	Nonrecurring	General

(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: HB 277 is a very straight forward bill; it expands the scope of the computer science license endorsement to allow all licensed teachers, who are interested in receiving the endorsement, the opportunity to receive it. HB 277 also provides an appropriation of one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Public Education Department (PED) for expenditure in FY 2025 to expand the scope of the computer science license endorsement to all licensed teachers.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

No fiscal impact was found for the University of New Mexico (UNM). There may be a fiscal impact to PED to issue more license endorsements, but with the appropriation contained within the bill, that should help offset any costs to PED.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

No significant issues with the bill, UNM appreciates that this bill is expanding the computer science license endorsement from being solely for secondary computer science teachers to now all K-12 teachers which is great since K-8 schools have computer/tech/media instructors as well.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

UNM's College of Education and Human Sciences (COEHS) suggests that a minimum requirement in terms of coursework in computer science be considered in future legislation, with at least two classes in programming or coding, and with some (e.g., 12 hours) of upper-division coursework. Some licensing institutions require 24 credit hours of coursework for an endorsement in things like TESOL or bilingual education, with 12 hours of upper-division course. It is unclear what "*sufficient knowledge in computer science*" would include and that may also have to be defined and reviewed in future legislation. New Mexico can look at other Colleges of Education nationwide to see what sorts of courses are required for an endorsement in computer science for educators.

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

AMENDMENTS