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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}

Click all that apply:

Original Amendment
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Date 2024-01-21

Bill No: SB92

Sponsor: Diamond, Crystal R.
Short NMSU WINDMILL
Title: CERTIFICATION

Agency Name
and Code NMHED
Number: _____

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SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24		
N/A	\$100.00	Nonrecurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY23	FY24	FY25		

N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY23	FY24	FY25	3 Year Total Cost	Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
Total	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

(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

SB92 appropriates one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in non-recurring funds from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure in FY25 and FY26 for a windmill technician certification workshop.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB92 appropriates one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in non-recurring funds from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure in FY25 and FY26 for a windmill technician certification workshop. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY26 shall revert to the General Fund. Appropriations to New Mexico public postsecondary institutions typically do not revert to the General Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB92 appropriates one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in non-recurring funds from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure in FY25 and FY26 for a windmill technician certification workshop.

Since 1975, the NMSU Windmill Technology Center has offered training to novice to expert windmillers in:

- Conventional windmill designs and applications
- Windmill safety
- Selection, siting, and setup of windmills
- Mill restoration
- Maintenance and repair
- Wellhead and groundwater protection

The center is expanding through the support of industry, former students, and others. This expansion will include new towers and mills, wind-pumped drip irrigation landscaping, improved training stations, additional training models, and wellhead protection methods.

The NMSU windmill technician certification workshop serves diverse audiences such as professional millers, ranchers, Tribal range managers, and traditional college students. Students come from across the United States to attend the workshop.

Since NMSU's Agriculture and Extension Education (AXED) division offers the workshop, the workshop does not reward credit hours toward traditional higher education credentials. Programs in wind energy are offered in New Mexico through both Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso (ENMU-Ruidoso) and Mesalands Community College. Opportunities through these institutions include pre-apprenticeships, apprenticeships, short-term certificates, and two-year degrees.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SB92 does not outline specific performance measures.

If funded, New Mexico State University (NMSU) could develop performance measures in coordination with the New Mexico Higher Education Department (NMHED).

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

New Mexico State University (NMSU) would administer this program.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

This program appears targeted toward providing additional training and knowledge for students who use windmills as a support of their non-windmill related work. The programs at Eastern New Mexico University-Ruidoso (ENMU-Ruidoso) and Mesalands Community College are targeted toward students who wish to pursue full-time careers in wind energy. As such, workforce outlook is likely not a major consideration for this bill.

Wind turbine technology is a field expecting much faster than average growth according to the United States Bureau of Labor Statistics

ALTERNATIVES

Alternative sources of funding could be sought to support this workshop, such as from industry partners, philanthropy, higher student fees, or allocations from the general budget of New Mexico State University (NMSU).

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB92 were not enacted, the New Mexico State University (NSMU) Windmill Certification Workshop may need to seek outside funds to continue operation. Additionally, one hundred thousand dollars (\$100,000) in non-recurring funds would not be allocated from the general fund.

AMENDMENTS

N/A