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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: SB94

Sponsor: Diamond, Crystal R.
Short NMSU ENOLOGIST
Title: _____

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	\$250.00	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

SB94 appropriates two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure from FY25 to FY27 for an enologist.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

SB94 appropriates two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure from FY25 to FY27 for an enologist. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY27 shall revert to the General Fund.

Appropriations to New Mexico public postsecondary institutions typically do not revert.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

SB94 appropriates two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) from the General Fund to the Board of Regents of New Mexico State University (NMSU) for expenditure from FY25 to FY27 for an enologist.

NMSU has a viticulture program primarily focused on research and particularly aimed at improving winemaking within New Mexico. NMSU also offers courses in relation to viticulture through the Agriculture Economics and Business program (AEEC 458 Economics of Making and Marketing Wine) and the Hotel, Restaurant, and Tourism Management program (HRTM 414 Wine Appreciation).

A recently closed job posting, with an archived version available from the Washington State University Viticulture and Enology website (<https://wine.wsu.edu/2023/10/12/ext-viticulturnist-specialist-new-mexico-state-university-las-cruces-nm/>), discusses the responsibilities and requirement of an enologist at NMSU. It is unclear at this time if NMSU has hired personnel through this posting. This posting may have been intended to fill the position vacated by a former viticulture faculty member at NMSU who has since moved to Arkansas State University.

The most recent appropriation to the viticulture program at NMSU was made in the 2022 3rd Special Session via SB1 - Appropriations and Expenditures in the sum of fifty thousand dollars (\$50,000) in non-recurring funds.

In 2004, HB52 and SB72 both sought to appropriate one hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$150,000) to the Board of Regents of NMSU for a viticulturalist position and in support of the program. Neither bill was enacted.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

SB94 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 these funds for the hiring of an enologist.

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

N/A

TECHNICAL ISSUES

N/A

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

N/A

ALTERNATIVES

New Mexico State University (NMSU) could seek alternative sources of funding to support an enologist at the university including public and private grants or drawing from the university's general budget.

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If SB94 is not enacted, New Mexico State University (NMSU) may not be able to hire an enologist to its faculty. Additionally, two hundred fifty thousand dollars (\$250,000) in non-recurring funds would not be allocated from the General Fund.

AMENDMENTS

N/A