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AGENCY BILL ANALYSIS - 2026 REGULAR SESSION

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AgencyAnalysis.nmlegis.gov and email to billanalysis@dfa.nm.gov*(Analysis must be uploaded as a PDF)***SECTION I: GENERAL INFORMATION***{Indicate if analysis is on an original bill, amendment, substitute or a correction of a previous bill}*Date Prepared: 1/28/2026

Check all that apply:

Bill Number: HB 88Original Correction Amendment Substitute Sponsor: Rep McQueen and Sen StefanicsShort Land Grant-Merced AssistanceTitle: Fund Changes

Agency Name

and Code

University of New Mexico-952

Number:

Person Writing

Adrian OglesbyPhone: 505-280-7958Email oglesby@law.unm.edu**SECTION II: FISCAL IMPACT****APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)**

Appropriation		Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27		

REVENUE (dollars in thousands)

Estimated Revenue			Recurring or Nonrecurring	Fund Affected
FY26	FY27	FY28		

(Parenthesis () indicate revenue decreases)

ESTIMATED ADDITIONAL OPERATING BUDGET IMPACT (dollars in thousands)

	FY26	FY27	FY28	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:

1. This bill will make the Land Grant - Merced Assistance Fund a non-reverting fund; unused funds will no longer be returned to the General Fund.
2. This bill increases the amount of annual revenue a land grant may have to qualify for an annual distribution from the Land Grant - Merced Assistance Fund.
 - a. Land Grants with annual revenue of less than \$100,000 will get a full distribution;
 - b. Land Grants with annual revenue of \$100,000 to \$250,000 will get a 75% distribution;
 - c. Land Grants with annual revenue of \$250,000 to \$500,000 will get a 50% distribution.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

While this bill does not include an appropriation, it will result in larger future distributions from the Land Grant - Merced Assistance Fund.

SIGNIFICANT ISSUES

This bill will make more funding available to lower income Land Grants, while still maintaining the requirements for Audit Act compliance.

PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS

ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS

CONFLICT, DUPLICATION, COMPANIONSHIP, RELATIONSHIP

If enacted, HB 21 (Land Grant-Merced Acequia Infrastructure Act) will create a fund that would provide a dedicated funding stream for land grant-mercedes infrastructure projects. Funds distributed pursuant to HB 88 could also be used for infrastructure but are not limited to such, allowing Land Grants more flexibility in how the funds are used.

TECHNICAL ISSUES

OTHER SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES

ALTERNATIVES

WHAT WILL BE THE CONSEQUENCES OF NOT ENACTING THIS BILL

If HB 88 is not enacted, funds in the Land Grant - Mercedes Assistance Fund will continue to revert annually to the General Fund. The thresholds for distributing assistance to land grants will remain at their current annual revenue levels, limiting the number of land grants eligible for 100%, 75% and 50% distributions.

AMENDMENTS